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REPORTER

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Inos

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today marks 66th anniversary of the Battle of Saipan

The assault on Saipan began on June 15,1944, almost a week after the invasion of Europe. An armada of 535 ships carrying 127,570 U. S. military personnel (two-thirds of whom were Marines of the 2nd and 4th Divisions) converged on the island. The ships of the invasion force carried 40,000 different items to support the assault—everything from toilet paper to government-issue coffins. A single supply ship carried enough food

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Saipan's Red Beach No. 2 at 1300 D-Day.
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NATIONAL ARCHIVES)

OF 601 PREVIOUS LICENSES

Only 94 renew licenses to sell alcohol—so far

» Number of ABTC licenses dropped annually since 2000

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With only 15 days to go before the June 30 deadline, only 94 or roughly 16 percent of 601 business establishments on Saipan that currently have licenses to sell alcoholic products have yet to renew those licenses.

"This leaves 507 yet to submit for renewal," said David R. Maratita, director of the Department of Commerce's Division of Alcoholic Bever-

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Full voting rights for NMI delegate sought

Reyes

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Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) wants the U.S. Congress to grant the CNMI delegate full voting rights in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The CNMI elected its first ever non-voting delegate

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Local

Firemen duo tops 'Guns vs Hoses' at Hard Rock

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In celebration of its 39th founding anniversary, Hard Rock Café staged a battle for burger-eating supremacy yesterday noon among Saipan's esteemed police officers and firefighters.

Dubbed as "Guns vs Hoses," the event featured two representatives each from the police and fire departments who raced to devour the most number of burgers in three minutes.

The fire department tandem of Stuart Peter (Station 6) and Gary Cruz (Station 1) emerged victorious after gobbling down 2¾ and 1½ burgers, respectively.

Peter and Cruz won Hard Rock gift certificates.

CLARISSA DAVID

PO1 Antoni Kaipat, PO1 Jasmine King, firefighters Stuart Peter and Gary Cruz race to gobble down as many burgers as they can.

The police department duo of PO1 Jasmine King and PO1 Antonio Kaipat finished a few burgers behind Peter and Cruz.

The two pairs received certificates of participation.

Mikka Valencia, Hard Rock Cafe's restaurant manager, said they organized the event to honor Saipan's uniformed personnel who serve as heroes in the community.

"We invited them to at least have fun for a while. They're always saving lives…[It's] about time for us to give thanks to [these] heroes," Valencia added.

Hard Rock Café treated to their special guests to a free lunch.

Aside from the "Guns vs Hoses," Hard Rock Café also offered a 39-percent discount on selected Hard Rock retail shop items. Diners also availed of a 39-percent discount on Hard Rock nachos, legendary 10 oz burger, Chamorro cheeseburger, and fresh apple cobbler. The 39-percent discounts were available on June 14 only.

A Hard Rock guitar-shaped cake was also available for diners last night.

Cop uses pepper mace to subdue man

A drunken man allegedly challenged several persons at the San Jose Market to a fight and attempted to hit a man with a metal bar early Friday morning.

Phillipe Julian N. Defang, 31, was only subdued after a police officer sprayed him with pepper mace.

Defang was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon and disturbing the peace.

A $25,000 cash bail was set for his temporary liberty.

Detective Francine Q. Nekai stated in her report that on Friday at 2:13am, a San Jose Market employee called the police about a disturbance.

When police officer Raymond Sablan arrived, he saw Defang holding a metal bar with both hands over his right shoulder. Defang was standing in front of the cashier's counter, facing a man identified as Ik Whan Choo.

Sablan repeatedly asked Defang to put down the metal on the floor, but the suspect refused.

Defang later placed the bar on the floor and ran to the store's restroom.

Another police officer arrived and helped Sablan subdue Defang.

The caller, Brian V. Formanes, told police that Defang kicked some taxicabs at the parking and was picking for a fight. Formanes said he called the police, but Defang returned with a metal bar and attempted to hit Choo with it. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR DESIGN/BUILD SERVICES FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE HOT FIRE TRAINING FACILITIES AT THE SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-011-09

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting Design & Build (D&B) Construction bids from qualified and experienced contractors of simulator aircraft fire training facilities and associated support infrastructure, for the refurbishment of the Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Hot Fire Training Facility at the Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All parties bidding for the D&B Project shall have wide experience in the design, manufacturing, and installation and commissioning of all facets of specialist fixed-based Simulated Aircraft Fire Training facilities and the fuel and control systems associated with those facilities. Support facilities consisting of access pavements, water supply and waste treatment, specialist burn building for structural fires, control building structure, full related amenities, and storage facilities will form part of the total bid package. The Contractor shall comply with all CNMI building, environmental and other appropriate compliance regulations impacting on the development and execution of the project.

This Refurbishment Project is a fast track project for which the bidders will have only one (1) calendar month to acquire the bid documents, prepare and submit bids. There will be no extensions of time for the submission of bids under any circumstances.

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, on or before **2:00 PM, MONDAY, JULY 26, 2010**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **10:00 AM, Wednesday, July 14, 2010**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend. Questions should be submitted directly to Mr. Bill Andrew of AECOM via email address: Bill.Andrew@aecom.com. Questions should be submitted at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

A CD-Rom containing the bid package and contract documents may be obtained on Monday , June 28, 2010 at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon payment of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($250.00)** for each CD-Rom. This payment is non-refundable. Payment shall be made by company check, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Full details of the bidding requirements will be set out in the bid documents.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a CPA approved surety or a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **ten percent (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. If a bid bond is submitted, it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC). The successful contractor will also be required to provide performance and payment bonds in accordance with the bid package and contract documents.

The contract period for construction in its entirety shall be **Twenty-Four (24) months, (730) calendar days**. Liquidated damages of $2,500.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse.

The Project is being financed by funds from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section 70-27 of the bid package.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Non-segregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the bid package, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions. All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by CNMI Law or Federal Law, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the bid package which is available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

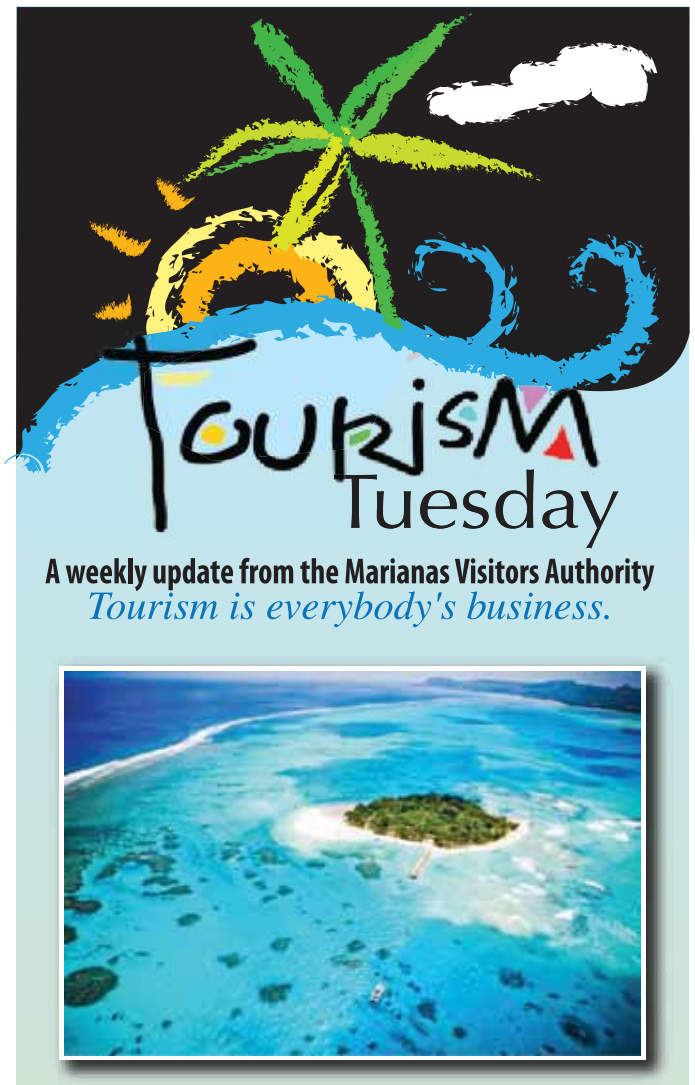
The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid package documents.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Executive Director

Date: June 11, 2010



Saipan International Flipper Race
June 19, 2010

The **Saipan International Open Water Flipper Race** returns for its second year this Saturday (June 19) at Managaha for a 1.5 km race around the small island.

The Flipper Race was inaugurated by the **Marianas Visitors Authority** in 2009 to capitalize on the island's popularity with international visitors, particularly those from Japan. Managaha has won multiple awards as #1 Snorkeling Spot at Japan's annual **Marine Diving Fair**.

A number of visitors to the Northern Marianas are expected at this year's event. For interested residents, the local registration rate is $25. Flippers, life jackets, snorkels and wet suit are allowed. Friday is the last day to register during race orientation from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at American Memorial Park.

Whether you are visitor or a resident, join this week's Saipan International Open Water Flipper Race and discover the underwater wonders of Managaha!

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Police come up blank in missing club manager's case

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Yesterday marked the first week of the mysterious disappearance of disco club manager Qi Run Li, but police are still facing a blank wall in their investigation.

"There's no lead yet," according to Department of Public Safety spokesman Eric David.

David said Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives were still doing follow-up investigation.

He said DPS still has custody of Li's silver 2004 Toyota Corolla (license plate ADJ-932), which was found last Tuesday abandoned in the parking lot of a building formerly occupied by Shirley's Restaurant along Middle Road in Chalan Laulau.

"The car is still being processed by crime scene technicians," he said.

The NMI Crime Stoppers Program is offering up to $1,000 cash reward to anyone who can provide information on Li's whereabouts.

David said that, according to the CIB, Li's brother and sister, who are on Saipan, are also offering a cash reward for information.

He said the family circulated flyers in China Town, asking for public assistance in locating the 24-year-old Li.

The family is reportedly offering a $20,000 cash reward. *Saipan Tribune* visited Li's apartment in Garapan on Saturday night, but a man and a woman in the room refused to provide more information about Li. Some residents in the area said the two are Li's relatives.

Li is the manager of King's Disco, which opened only last month.

The nightclub is on the second floor of the three-story commercial building along Beach Road, Garapan. Li was staying on the ground floor, next to Rainbow Night Club.

Li was last seen driving his car on June 7 in the evening toward the vicinity of Gold's Gym in China Town.

Li's disappearance was reported to DPS the following morning.

Police learned that on Monday, June 7, at 7:30pm, Li received a call on his cell phone from a customer asking for taxi service. The customer asked to be dropped off at Gold's Gym. Li proceeded to Gold's Gym, but he was never seen again, police said.

PSS employee denied accident coverage

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A long-time employee of the Public School System who was injured while at work has been denied compensation by the Worker's Compensation Commission because PSS has not been paying its insurance premiums and has been excluded from the program.

Antonino S. Santos, 61, a maintenance worker of Koblerville Elementary School for 26 years now and the school's support staff of the year, was injured by a table saw on April 15, preventing him from reporting for work for over a month.

Santos filed a claim with WCC in hopes that he will be provided some help.

"I was really disappointed… upon knowing that we're not covered by the WCC. I was denied from availing of any help from the commission, prompting me to approach the school system's HRO for help. But until now, it seems they are ignoring my plea," Santos told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Santos plans to retire from service in December.

Yesterday, he expressed worry about the security of other PSS employees, especially at the work site.

"We have many dedicated employees at the system and it's just so frustrating to know that they cannot be provided the security they need in their work," he said.

Saipan Tribune tried to obtain comments from PSS Human Resource Office director Charlie Kenty but he was unavailable when contacted yesterday.

In a letter to Santos on May 21, Fund administrator Mark A. Aguon pointed out that the commission cannot provide any assistance to Santos because PSS is not covered by the program.

Aguon said his letter on April 2009 to all department and activity heads clearly pointed out that the government's failure to remit the appropriate funds is grounds for WCC coverage denial for any government employee who is injured on the job.

"Therefore, no worker's compensation coverage exists for any government employees' workplace injury or death, who are employed by these non-contributing government employers," said Aguon.

According to Santos, the revelation that PSS employees are not covered by WCC is "very alarming."

He said he is worried not only for himself but also for his colleagues, who may suffer the same fate during work hours.

Last year, the Fund sent numerous reminders and demand letters to government agencies, informing them that their failure to remit premium payments to the Workers Compensation Commission means that no employee from their department will get insurance coverage.

About 5,000-plus government employees are not covered by the WCC.

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30 Rota, Tinian residents get energy rebate vouchers

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The CNMI Energy Division distributed 30 energy rebate vouchers of up to $300 each to Rota and Tinian residents last week, thanks to a federal funded program that helps residents pay for the purchase of more energy efficient appliances than what they currently own.

Vincent S. Attao, energy auditor at the Energy Division, said they distributed 15 vouchers to Rota residents and another 15 to Tinian residents for them to be able to replace their air-conditioning units, clothes washers and refrigerators with Energy Star products.

These bring to 164 the total number of vouchers so far distributed in the CNMI, amounting to $39,650.

Attao said there are other Tinian, Rota and Saipan applications that are pending.

On Saipan, the Energy Division has stopped accepting energy rebate applications to give the division ample time to process those that had already been received and to update the availability of rebate vouchers allotted for Saipan.

"We may have already reached our quota for Saipan. As you know, this program has limited funding. Depending on the amount that the pending applications are eligible to receive based on our processing, we may or may not continue accepting applications on Saipan. We will inform the public about it," Attao told *Saipan Tribune.*

Each resident is eligible to receive up to $750 in energy rebate vouchers. The maximum rebate for a refrigerator is $300, for a clothes washer, $300, and for a room air-conditioning unit, $150.

However, residents are reminded that they still have to cough up additional money to be able to buy energy efficient appliances. The energy rebate vouchers are meant to supplement their budget to buy these appliances.

Anyone-regardless of income bracket-is eligible to apply for the program, called State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program and funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Those that have received energy rebate vouchers can buy energy-efficient appliances at the following stores: YCO (Garapan), Pacific Home Appliances (Garapan), ACE Hardware Stores (Gualo Rai Branch, San Vicente Branch, Susupe Branch, and Rota Branch), and Taro Sue Store (Garapan).

BATTLE

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to feed 90,000 troops for one month. Navy tankers transported the gigantic quantity of petroleum products required to support the invasion. Aircraft alone consumed over 8 million gallons of aviation fuel during the battle, while the aircraft carriers burned more than 4 million *barrels* of fuel.

Seven American battleships and 11 destroyers shelled Saipan and Tinian for 2 days before the landings, firing 15,000 16-inch and 5-inch shells at the islands along with 165,000 other shells of other caliber. To even begin to comprehend the magnitude of this onslaught, one needs to realize that a *single* 16-inch round *weighs slightly more than a Volkswagen Beetle*, besides being packed with high explosives. On the second day of the bombardment, this force was joined by 8 more battleships, 6 heavy cruisers and 5 light cruisers. The islands were ringed by American warships with their guns blazing. Shells rained down on the island, its villages, inhabitants, and defenders, gouging huge craters in the sand and coral. The earth trembled under the tremendous explosions of naval bombardment and simultaneous air attacks.

The main invasion force landed along 4 miles of beach at Chalan Kanoa. Twenty-eight U.S. tanks were destroyed the first day alone. The Japanese positioned colored flags in the lagoon to mark the range of the landing force and to register their howitzers on the invaders from locations behind Mount Fina Susu, and their shell fire rained down on the advancing American force every 15 seconds in a deadly cauldron of exploding steel. By nightfall of the first day, the Second Marine Division had sustained 2,000 casualties.

The fighting continued until July 9, when organized resistance on Saipan ceased. When the fighting ended, American losses on Saipan were double those suffered on Guadalcanal. Of the 71,034 U. S. troops landed on Saipan, 3,100 were killed, 13,100 wounded or missing in action. Out of the 31,629 Japanese on Saipan, approximately 29,500 died as a result of the fighting, and only 2,100 prisoners survived. Fighting between the Japanese and the Americans was by no means completely mechanized; while ships, aircraft, artillery, and tanks inflicted the largest amount of damage to the combatants, a great deal of the fighting was hand-to-hand. Besides machine guns, flame throwers, rifles, and pistols, deadly skirmishes were fought with bayonets, swords, bamboo spears, clubs, stones and fists.

The ratio of battle dead was 9.5:1 during the 24 days of fighting. Place names given the rugged Saipan terrain such as Death Valley, Purple Heart Ridge and Harakiri Gulch testified to the bitter fighting. One of the most lamentable events of the battle for Saipan involved the mass suicide of hundreds of families, many of whom jumped to their deaths from the high cliffs at the island's northernmost point. This tragic event could not be stopped, despite efforts by Americans and indigenous Saipanese using loudspeakers to try to convince the Japanese that surrender would be shameless and harmless.

After the capture of Saipan, the fighting continued elsewhere in the Pacific for another 13 months. Camps on Tinian were constructed to house 50,000 U.S. troops and 1.2 million pounds of crops were produced, all of which were consumed on the island. On August 6, 1945, an American Superfortress flying from Tinian dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, hastening Japan's capitulation. The war formally ended with Japan's surrender on August 15, 1945. The final surrender on the island of Saipan did not take place, however, until Dec. 1, 1945, when Japanese Army Captain Sakeo Oba, who had continued to hold out in the mountains with 46 men as a guerrilla force, surrendered his samurai sword to Maj. Herman Lewis and Col. Scott, USMC.

About 90 percent of the civilian population on Saipan survived the war. These included Koreans, Okinawans, and Japanese who were subsequently repatriated to their respective homelands. As recorded on Dec. 31, 1949, the indigenous population of Saipan was 6,225. In 1937, 23,658 persons had inhabited Saipan (4,145 were indigenous).

Source: http://www.navysite.de/ships/lha2about.htm

INOS

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"That's sacrosanct," Inos said, referring to the rebate trust account, which has at least $8 million so far.

The Fitial administration reiterated that the 2009 tax rebate and refund checks could be out in July, much earlier than in previous years when taxpayers would receive them in August or September.

Inos, at the same time, said the Commonwealth Development Authority has yet to remit the $2.5 million it was supposed to remit to the central government last Friday, following Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's formal request.

Fitial left for the Philippines early Sunday morning for medical treatment at the Makati Medical Center.

Inos, a former secretary of the Department of Finance, also said the central government did not give to CUC all the $2.5 million that was remitted by the Department of Public Lands on Thursday.

"We paid CUC only $1.5 million so far," he said, adding that they expect CDA to remit $2.5 million to the central government this week.

The $1.5 million included the $1.2 million from DPL's $2.5 million remittance, and the government's payment of $300,000 on Tuesday last week, when Fitial declared a state of emergency for the CNMI to be able to reprogram funds for CUC fuel.

CUC needs immediate fuel purchases to run its power plants. Failure to collect from its biggest customers—the central government, the Public School System and Northern Marianas College—could mean a repeat of rolling blackouts. These three entities owe CUC $3.8 million in past due utility bills.

Fitial had said a total of $5.3 million has so far been paid to CUC, but a clarification from the Fitial administration yesterday said the governor could only be referring to funds so far identified for payment to CUC.

Inos said another $1 million is expected to go CUC's way this week.

"Once we have $4 million to $5 million in payment to CUC, then CUC would be okay. We are working with CUC on this. It's cash crunch," Inos said in an interview after the Marianas High School graduation ceremonies in the MHS gymnasium late yesterday afternoon.

The central government has been paying for DPL and CDA utilities and administrative costs, and these two agencies reimburse the central government for these expenses. Fitial's letter prompted Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta to remit payments on Thursday, for the reimbursement of administrative and utilities cost covering Fiscal Year 2009 and the first two quarters of FY 2010.

DELEGATE

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to the U.S. House of Representatives, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, in November 2008. He was sworn into office in January 2009, and is seeking re-election this November.

As a non-voting delegate, Sablan and his counterparts from Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia are allowed only to vote in committee, but have no voting rights during final deliberation of legislation that may affect their respective jurisdictions.

Reyes said granting full voting rights to the delegate will give more adequate representation to the CNMI people and a voice in the nation's capital.

In a pre-filed resolution, Reyes said profound change has been or will be brought on the people of the CNMI with the passage of federal laws, directly and indirectly affecting the islands.

This is particularly true with the May 2008 passage of U.S. Public Law 110-229 or the Consolidated Natural Resources Act, which placed CNMI immigration under federal control effective Nov. 28, 2009.

In his Senate Resolution 17-20, Reyes said "the implementation of PL 110-229 has, and forever will, alter the social, political and economic landscape of the [CNMI]."

He also said the military buildup in the Marianas will surely bring further socio-economic changes to the Commonwealth.

Reyes, a former Senate president, also cited the patriotic service of CNMI sons and daughters in the U.S. military, "some paying the ultimate sacrifice to their country."

"As members of the United States of America political family, the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands should be adequately represented in the U.S. House of Representatives, and have a voice in Congress on matters affecting their islands," Reyes added.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said, "If this means that the CNMI will have the chance to be better served and effectively heard in Congress, then yes, the administration will support any movement that will be in the best interest of the Commonwealth."

The Senate has scheduled a session on Wednesday, and senators are expected to act on Reyes' resolution.

The resolution will only be recommendatory in nature and will have no force and effect of a law. It is the U.S. Congress that will ultimately decide on this matter.

ALCOHOL

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age and Tobacco Control.

Maratita said they expect a surge in the number of license renewals between June 20 and 30.

"The last day usually is when the applicants start racing with the deadline," Maratita said in an e-mail response to *Saipan Tribune* questions yesterday.

Besides waiting for the deadline to draw near before renewing their licenses, other businesses have either shut down or downsized operations because of the current state of the economy due to the demise of the garment industry and steady drop in tourist arrivals.

Maratita said the renewal rate started declining in Fiscal Year 2000.

Between 1995 and 2000, the number of alcoholic beverage control license averaged at 850 every year.

Maratita said this dropped to an annual average of 750 between 2000 and 2005.

This further decreased to an average of 600 annually between 2005 and 2009, he said.

"We expect to have the same average at the closing of FY 2010 which is a good sign to start off for FY 2011," the ABTC Division director added.

Commerce Secretary Michael Ada, in a separate statement yesterday, reminded licensed business establishments that the applications for Alcoholic Beverage Control license renewals are now being accepted.

He also reminded businesses about the June 30 deadline for renewing such licenses.

Suspension, revocation

Commerce said all licensees whose renewal fees remain unpaid as of June 30, 2010, will automatically be suspended pursuant to 4 CMC Section 5528.

Licenses that remain suspended as of July 31, 2010, due to unpaid renewal fees will automatically be revoked and the secretary of Commerce shall not issue a renewal license.

"If a license still remains revoked as of July 31, 2010, a new application must be submitted for consideration by the Secretary of Commerce," Ada said.

Maratita said ABTC Division enforcement personnel will conduct inspections after July 3, 2010 of those that will fail to renew their licenses.

"The inspection will confirm whether the business is either closed down or the licensee forgot to renew the license. The closing report for FY 2010 renewal period will be available by Aug. 2, 2010, where the stats can be obtained from the report," Maratita said.

ABTC license application forms are available online at www.commerce.gov.mp.

Application forms may also be obtained at the Department of Commerce office on Capital Hill. For more information, call the ABTC Division at 664-3065.

All licensed businesses on Rota and Tinian may pick up application forms from the resident department heads at the Departments of Commerce on Rota and Tinian.

Despite tight budget, NMC fared better in FY08

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REPORTER

Despite numerous challenges and limited funding from the local government, the Northern Marianas College performed better in fiscal year 2008 than in previous fiscal years based on an annual report released by the institution.

The college's total net assets of $16.1 million in FY 2008 is a 5.4-percent increase compared to FY 2007's total net assets of $15.3 million.

The increase was attributed to the significant improvement in the institution's operating revenues, generating a 14.5-percent increase in tuition and fees from students. In FY 2008, NMC recorded $9.7 million in net operating revenues compared to just $6.7 million in FY 2007.

Although the institution had a 36.5-percent operating loss in FY 2008, overall financial performance remain positive because of the significant increase in revenues on the same year.

Total operating expenses in FY 2008 was at $13.5 million compared to just $12.7 million in FY 2007.

Data also showed that net assets at the end of 2008 were at $13.3 million; in FY 2007 net assets were at $12.1 million.

The annual report attributes the increase in net assets in September 2008 to several factors, including the revaluation of the college's fixed assets and the writeoff of approximately $1.6 million in outstanding receivables in FY 2007.

The college's endowment fund also increased in value by about $156,000 in 2008 despite an overall loss in market value.

NMC also saw a net increase in plant, property, and equipment of approximately $277,000 after investing in various building and other capital improvements. Majority of these improvements were funded via a short-term loan from a local bank amounting to $250,000.

Students' tuition and fees increased by approximately $694,000 between fiscal years 2007 and 2008.

Federal, state, and private grants and contracts also increased by about $401,000, which is primarily attributed to new grants received in FY 2008 and increased levels of expenditures for several U.S. federal grant assistance program at the college.

Appropriations from the CNMI government for 2008 also increased by $562,000 compared to the level of funding in 2007. The increase was primarily due to special appropriations from Compact impact funds provided the CNMI.

Demapan, Ramos top MHS graduates

DARREN DEMAPAN
Valedictorian

LARRA RAMOS
Salutatorian

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Darren Demapan and Larra Ramos were hailed the top graduates of Marianas High School, which handed out diplomas and certificates to over 200 seniors during a ceremony at the school's gymnasium yesterday.

Demapan, 17, was named the class valedictorian and recipient of the Board of Education award. He was accepted to Stanford University where he will pursue a pre-med course. He is the son of Gregorio and Maura Demapan.

In his address, Demapan said he wants to become a physician so he could help find a cure for his father—a stroke victim. He described his father a very strong man who survived struggles and wars, only to be weakened by his illness.

"He is the reason why I continue to strive for academic excellence…and I will find a cure to heal my beloved father," he said.

Larra Ramos, 18, was this year's class salutatorian and recipient of the Commissioner's Award. This fall semester, she plans to pursue a double major in nursing and education at the Northern Marianas College. Larra is the daughter of Ronald and Malou Ramos.

Ye-Sol Jun was honored with the class honorable mention award.

Acting Gov. Eloy Inos bestowed the Governor's Award on Adeleyah Mojica, who was also the recipient of the Mayor's Community Service award.

This year's Principal's Award went to Heartim Williams, while the MHS Alumni Award went to Alana Leon Guerrero.

Other students on the Top 10 list were Christian Colin Cruz, Bernadette Laviste, Rica Jin Kim, Cheska Camille Salen, John Patrick Ermitanio, and Ji Hoon Heo.

Yesterday's commencement exercises also recognized the school's first batch of students, the Class of 1970, and the school's first valedictorian, Bernadita T. Palacios.

This year's commencement theme was "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

"As you take your place in MHS history, remember three simple things: confidence, determination, and commitment. Be confident in all your undertakings, holding your head high knowing that you are a Marianas High School graduate, ready to pursue your own hopes, dreams, and goals," MHS principal Karen Borja said in her message.

The ceremony was also attended by Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, the Board of Education led by chair Lucy Blanco-Maratita, Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, parents, and community members.

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MHS team wins Crime Stoppers create-a-TV-ad contest

By DENCIO MANGLONA
STUDENT INTERN

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Crime Stoppers board members James Arenovski, left, and Mark Birmingham, second from right, pose with members of the winning team in the high school category. The three students are part of a five-member Marianas High School team.

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Crime Stoppers board members James Arenovski, left, Mark Birmingham, second from right, and Edward Camacho, right, pose with the team of Gester Garcia and Oliver Patris, which won the contest in the Open category.

Students and community members alike became more involved in deterring crime last month by participating in the first Crime Stoppers Create-A-Commercial Contest. Participants entered in either the high school category or the open category—but the rules were the same. They had to include basic information about Crime Stoppers in original commercials that had to be less than 30 seconds.

There were a total of 54 participants. Thirteen commercials were submitted by 11 high school teams and two "open" teams. Five teams were awarded for their efforts last Friday.

The first place winner in the high school category was the Marianas High School team of Jessie Savellano, Jessica Estrada, Kevin Jardinero, Justis Tenorio, and Kevin Razon. They were awarded five Flip cameras and five Smile Miles cards.

The second place winner was the Saipan Southern High School team of Jonah Mendiola, Raymark Denora, Sean Ecal, Bryl Algre, Ted Villanueva, Derick Dela Cruz, and Jack Kileleman. They won two Docomo phones and five Smile Miles cards.

The third place winners, also from SSHS, were Jesse Palacios, Razel Buniag, Jan Alcantara, Dayanara Flores, Cyrene Bulawan, Royze Banados. They brought home three Docomo chairs and umbrellas, three Wave Jungles passes, six MegaZone certificates, and four Hollywood Theaters certificates.

In the "open" category Gester Garcia and Oliver Patris took first place and won two Flip cameras and $200 prize money. CNMI Crime Stoppers board member Jim Arenovski said their commercial is of such high quality that it has been recommended for inclusion in the Crime Stoppers international competition.

Second place finisher Emman Parian was off-island when the prizes were distributed but upon his return will receive four MegaZone gift certificates, two Hollywood Theaters certificates, and two Wave Jungle passes.

Jonah Mendiola, one of the second place winner in the high school division, said, "We didn't know that we could make it this far. We got caught up with so many things but we got everything done."

All prizes were donated by Docomo Pacific, MegaZone, Hollywood Theaters, Mobil, and Saipan World Resort.

"We all worked the idea together and then our police officer liaison Jason Tarkong, he would go to the high schools and present the Crime Stoppers message and mission and at the same time promoted this to the high school students, and so we promoted this contest in conjunction with something that we were already doing, which was educating the students of the CNMI about Crime Stoppers," said Christina Smith, a Crime Stoppers board member.

"Crime Stoppers is in the CNMI and we wanted to get the word out to as many people as possible. And we just felt that teenagers…have the creativity, they know what's happening in the community and so we went to them and asked them if they could create commercials," she added.

The Northern Mariana Islands Crime Stoppers board members judged the videos based on originality, creativity, and overall appeal and decided on the competition winners. They plan to make this an annual event.

Tinian girl, 15, delivers baby, ex-BF arrested

Police arrested on Friday on Tinian a 19-year-old man who allegedly impregnated his ex-girlfriend, a minor.

Joaquin Villagomez Congo was arrested for sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, and disturbing the peace.

A $25,000 unsecured bond was set for Congo's temporary release.

Detective Barbara K. Arend stated in her report that a nurse at the Tinian Health Center called her on June 4 to report a teen pregnancy. Arend said the 15-year-old girl delivered a baby that same day.

The detective said the girl and her parents did not know she was pregnant until end of May 2010. The mother got suspicious and took her daughter to the center for a checkup.

The girl told her mother that Congo was the father of her baby. The girl said she broke off the relationship in April 2010. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Woman convicted of promoting prostitution

A woman was convicted in the Superior Court yesterday of promoting prostitution while another woman was acquitted of prostitution charges.

In a bench trial, Superior Court Associate Judge Perry B.Inos found enough evidence to convict Wei Juan Chen of promoting prostitution and dismissed the remaining charge.

Chen will be sentenced on Wednesday.

Chen's co-defendant, Yue Juan He, was, however, found not guilty of prostitution.

Assistant attorney general Eli Golob prosecuted the case. Assistant public defender Michael Brown served as counsel for Chen, while lawyer Joaquin Torres defended He.

Inos held the hearing at the court's conference room due to a breakdown in the court's air-conditioning system.

Torres told *Saipan Tribune* there was no evidence that his client committed prostitution.

"The witness was not able to communicate with my client effectively. My client cannot speak English very well. The communication… there's a lot of breakdown," Torres said.

He said his client could not agree to prostitution if there's no effective communication.

Chen and He were among several Chinese nationals arrested in March 2009 during a two-night operation conducted by members of the Naval Criminal Investigative Services, Department of Public Safety's Criminal Investigation Bureau, U.S. Marshals Service, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in the CPA Conference Room, Second Floor of the Captain George Fleming Building at the Port of Saipan.

The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes (May 26, 2010)

II. SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS
1. Seaport and Tinian Boats
2. Supplemental Budget Request – IRS
3. Amendment to Deloitte's Services
4. Chief Executive Summit
5. Supplemental Budget Request – Vanderlande

III. PUBLIC COMMENT
IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION
V. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman, Board of Directors June 11, 2010

Northern Mariana Islands RETIREMENT FUND

PUBLIC FORUM ON RETIREMENT ISSUES

The Retirement Fund Board of Trustees, together with the Administrator and Deputy Administrator, would be holding a Public Forum to address the issues affecting the Retirement Fund Program.

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2010
Place: Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe, Saipan
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Open Forum
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Fund Presentation

All retirees and active members of the Retirement Fund are encouraged to attend this forum to gain better knowledge and understanding of the issues and the efforts being made by the Retirement Fund in protecting the Program.

Pacific-wide music competition seeks entries from CNMI

By CLARISSA DAVID
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REPORTER

Talented musicians in the CNMI now have a chance to promote their original compositions and get recognized in the Pacific region.

Pacific Break is a music competition organized by Radio Australia, the international radio and online service of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. Since May, Pacific Break has been accepting entries for this year's contest.

The winning band/solo artist will be flown to Port Vila, Vanuatu to perform live in front of a huge crowd at Fest'napuan—a four-day Pan-Pacific music festival.

Now on its third year, Pacific Break aims to provide opportunities for Pacific islanders to showcase their musical talents.

Previous winners for the Pacific Break competition were *26 Roots* from the island of Vanuatu and Emmanuel Mailau of Papua New Guinea.

In an e-mail to *Saipan Tribune,* public diplomacy/research officer Patrick Blank of the Australian Embassy in Pohnpei said that Pacific Break has never received an entry from the north Pacific area, which includes the CNMI and Guam.

Blank is encouraging exceptional musicians from the CNMI to submit entries for Pacific Break 2010 and have their music be heard.

The competition is open to all artists who have created their own music but do not have a commercial publishing or recording contract.

To join, musicians must submit their original song on cassette, CD or mp3 with the entry form which can be downloaded from the Pacific Break Web site, www.radioaustralia.net.au/pacificbreak. Entries can be sent by postal mail or by e-mail.

The deadline for submission of entries is on Sept. 1.

From the pool of entries, outstanding entries and finalists will be selected and featured on a CD compilation put together by Radio Australia. These entries will also be featured in their afternoon music program *In the Loop* and posted on the Pacific Break website.

A panel of judges will select the winning entry on the first week of September.

For more information on Pacific Break, interviews with last year's participants or to view snippets of Fest'napuan 2009, visit the Pacific Break Web site. You may also email event coordinator Sally McMahon at McMahon.Sally-Joanne@abc.net.au.

Burglar breaks into hotel room

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A burglar broke into one of the rooms of the Saipan Ocean View Hotel in Garapan and stole a bag containing a laptop, a camera and several other items belonging to a newly commissioned second lieutenant of the U.S. Army.

The hotel's surveillance camera, however, caught the suspect entering the room's door and exit window, *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday.

U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Daryl Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the burglary happened Friday morning, June 11, the same day when he and Jana C. Tudela were commissioned in a ceremony at the American Memorial Park's Amphitheatre.

Dela Cruz said the stolen bag contained a laptop, an SLR Sony camera, an iPod, car keys, passport, and other items worth $3,000.

Dela Cruz urged police to immediately arrest the suspect as he could easily be identified using the footage from the surveillance camera.

Dela Cruz came to Saipan from Guam on Thursday to attend the commissioning ceremony. He said he went to his brother's place, then returned to the hotel Friday morning and discovered the theft.

Dela Cruz said the suspect managed to enter the hotel from the back door. The burglar went inside the balcony then opened the unlocked sliding door of the room, Dela Cruz said.

He said he is doing his own investigation for the speedy arrest of the burglar.

Fifth store suspended for selling alcohol to minors

A mom-and-pop store became the fifth retail establishment recently suspended for unlawfully selling alcohol to minors, according to the Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Control Division of the Department of Commerce.

"The 999 Market in Chalan Piao will be the fifth retail store sanctioned by operation of law out of nine stores that received citation for selling alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 21," said ABTC director David R. Maratita.

The 999 Market was closed down on June 8 at 4pm and resumed normal operation at 4pm on June 10, 2010.

"While the ABTC Division is handling the administrative hearings against the licensees, the court hearings against the cashiers [who] were arrested as a result of the offense for selling alcohol to minors are handled by the [Attorney General's Office] and [Department of Public Safety]. These violations resulted from the EUDL Task Force compliance checks conducted at about 54 retail establishments from December 2009 to March 2010," said Maratita.

According to current ABTC database, there are 212 active retail store off-sale licenses, which leave 158 retail establishments that have yet to undergo compliance checks.

"While we anticipated that the licensees are in full compliance, unfortunately there are establishments that contribute to the problem with regards to underage drinking. In spite of this, we are making tremendous progress toward enforcing the underage drinking laws and we hope that the message is out that we are not tolerating such unlawful actions. We want the stores to be in full compliance with the law as they are the frontline resources and we are hoping to see that the remaining 158 retail establishments pass the next compliance checks. We are covering other areas besides the licensed establishments and we are working diligently with our partnering agencies in enforcing and addressing the underage drinking problem in our community," Maratita added.

EUDL stands for Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws. ***(Commerce)***

USCG, Navy search for missing fisherman near Pingelap in FSM

GUAM—A U.S. Coast Guard aircrew from Air Station Barbers Point continues to search for a missing mariner last seen Saturday near the island of Pingelap in the Federated States of Micronesia.

The Hawaii-based aircrew launched an HC-130 Hercules aircraft to assist in the search Sunday.

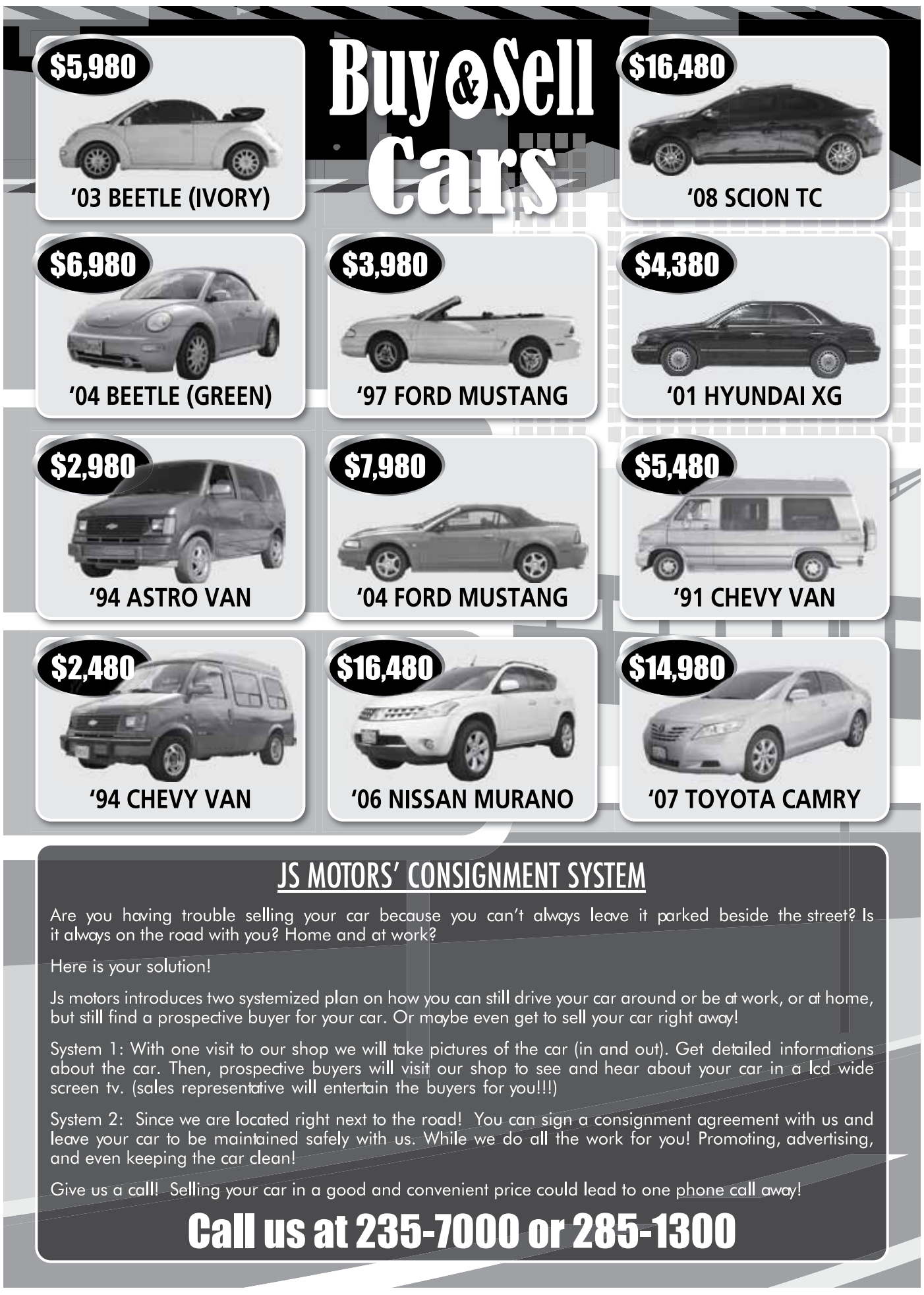
The aircrew covered a total search area of 1,800 nautical square miles, approximately eight times the size of Guam. The area being searched is approximately 30 miles northwest off the coast of Pingelap.

Two data marker buoys were deployed during Sunday's search. One was air-dropped at the mariner's last known position and another at Sunday's search starting point. Data marker buoys are used to calculate drift patterns.

Watchstanders in Coast Guard Sector Guam received a report 6:25pm Saturday, regarding a male in a 13-foot black and blue canoe who was separated from his party during a fishing trip approximately 150 yards northwest of the island. The fishing party was on their way back to shore after weather conditions became unfavorable.

A crew aboard a U.S. Navy P-3 Orion long-range aircraft from Kadena Air Base in Japan is also assisting in the search.

Anyone with any information about the missing man is asked to contact the Coast Guard Sector Guam at 671-355-4824. ***(PR)***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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

UoH seeks CNMI Cancer Registry clerk

The University of Hawaii is currently accepting applicants for CNMI Cancer Registry clerk. The position is a regular, full-time, non-civil service position with the John A. Burns School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health National Program of Cancer Registries, and will be located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interested applicants should apply online by June 14, 2010. Go to www.rcuh.com.

- Go to: "Employment" tab (on the top, 3rd from the left)
- Go to: "Apply"
- Enter the position ID number: 10289

Follow the directions to apply. All applications, including curriculum vitae, must be submitted online. The "Apply" page includes links to information about benefits, FAQs, etc. ***(PR)***

Meeting of the Autism Society of the CNMI

The Autism Society of the CNMI will be holding its monthly meeting on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 10am at the NMPASI Conference Room. Information regarding the group and future meetings will be available at this meeting. All families and friends of individuals with autism and autism related spectrum disorders are invited to attend.

For additional information, call 322-3761 or send an email to as_cnmi@yahoo.com. ***(PR)***

Navy sets military training

SANTA RITA, Guam—The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area-517 on June 15-16 from 8am to 5pm.

The general public especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear from these areas during the times and dates indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. ***(USN)***

NMC Summer 2010 registration ongoing

Registration for the Northern Marianas College's Summer 2010 semester will be ongoing to July 2 for Summer Session II.

New students are required to take an English and Math placement test before they register. The schedule of the English and Math placement tests and the Summer 2010 class schedule can be found online at www.nmcnet.edu.

The Summer 2010 semester is divided into four sessions: Regular Summer Session (nine-week courses), Extended Summer Session (12-week courses), Summer Session I (six-week courses) and Summer Session II (six-week courses starting July 6).

Those who have not applied for admission can still do so by visiting the College's Office of Admissions and Records (OAR) and picking up an application form. Application forms can also be downloaded from the NMC website.

Application for admissions will be accepted until the last day of Registration provided that both placement tests have been taken.

Summer 2010 Important Dates

- June 4-July 2: Registration for Summer Session II, 9pm to 5pm
- July 6: First Day of Instruction for Summer Session II
- July 6-July 8: Add-Drop Course(s) Days for Summer Session II

For more information regarding admissions or registration, contact OAR at 234-5498 Ext 1537 or email oar@nmcnet.edu, or log on to www.nmcnet.edu. ***(NMC)***

Can you identify

THE NMI Council for the Humanities, in collaboration with the *Saipan Tribune*, is running a series of photographs in this section every Tuesday and is inviting the public to identify the persons or places featured in this section.

If you can identify the persons or places in the picture, please contact the NMI Council for the Humanities by telephone (235-4785), via email (photo@nmihumanities.org) or by visiting the Council's office located in Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai. These images are from the Council's Historic Photograph Database which is currently being developed to help document the history and cultures of the CNMI.

The persons featured in last week's photo have been identified as, from left, Mayor Vicente D. Sablan (Kilili), William Nabors, and Dr. Francisco T. Palacios. Photo was taken in the late 1960s. Photo identified by Josephine P. Tenorio, John Flores, Lydia B. Camacho, Pete Arriola, Joaquin R. Lizama, Manny Manahane, Tony LG Reyes, Nick Muna, Nita Sablan, Allie Sablan, Sonya Jane Olopai, Manny Villagomez, Joe Salas, Bernie Aldan, Donald I. Teregeyo, Jesus A. Mendiola, Francisco L. Babauta, and Chong Torres.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Gianna Celine Sablan Babauta on her 8th grade graduation at Hopwood Jr. High School. You made it! We love you and we are all very proud of you. Love always, Cabrera/Sablan family!

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Congratulations to my nina Connie Limes who graduated on June 14! Keep working toward a better and brighter future! Love always, your goddaughter KaiLani.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday greetings go out to Jayvehn Phillip Atalig Fejeran, who is celebrating his birthday today, June 15, 2010! May the good Lord shower you with many blessings on your special day. Happy 8th birthday! With so much love, Mom, Dad, Jacoby, and Jryden.

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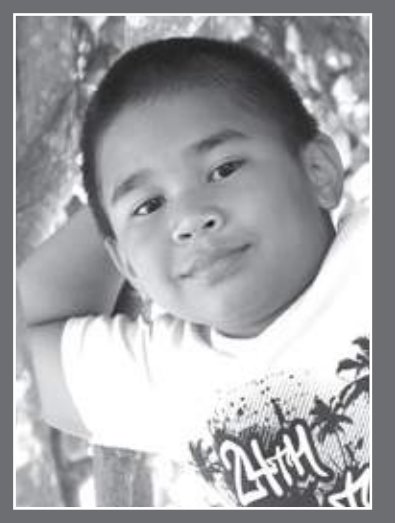

Happy birthday to Spec. Robert Lizama Maratita of Rota/Texas, who is celebrating his special day today, June 15. We appreciate the sacrifices you endure everyday for all of us who are blessed to live in this free world. We pray everyday to ask God to put His arms around you and your family to be strong and to watch over you and your loved ones. We love and miss you. Take care! God bless Rota's hero! Greetings come from your Rota family.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 15, 1999

Calif. education chief says unqualified teachers need assistance

Problems associated with underqualified teachers in public schools cannot be utterly wished away but they can be alleviated by giving these teachers proper assistance, according to a university official in California. Dennis L. Evans, director of credential programs at the University of California's department of education, said "rookie" teachers must be linked on a daily basis with successful experienced teachers. "We know that excellence in teaching is a development process, and that even the best prepared of our beginning teachers benefit from the direct daily support of experiences and successful teachers," Evans wrote in the weekly journal Education Week.

Nurses should be role models

Japanese astronaut Chiaki Mukai yesterday urged nursing leaders to become perfect role models by focusing on healthy lifestyles and preventive medicine. Mukai, who is heart surgeon by profession, told delegates to the 21st American Pacific Nursing Leaders' Council Conference that nurses will be the people to which society would turn to to explain how best to live, to benefit and to practically apply the wealth of knowledge being accumulated by the life sciences. She said this can be done by developing an industry that is based upon education, counseling and guidance. Afterall, life is a never ending-education.

June 15, 2000

Borja seeks exemptions

Tinian Mayor Francisco M. Borja has sought exemptions under the Omnibus Labor and Business Reform bill to allow the island municipality to attract garment manufacturers, noting that the proposal is intended to deal only with the problems confronting Saipan. Lawmakers should consider potential development of the apparel industry on Tinian and Rota, and thus should not prevent these municipalities from exploring that possibility, according to his testimony to the Senate Committee on Resources, Economic, Development and Program. "The bill needs to take into consideration the development of this industry on Tinian and Rota. The wording of this bill essentially 'kills' any development of the garment industry" on the islands, Mr. Borja said.

Transfer of tobacco, alcohol control to DPS anti-business

The CNMI Department of Commerce has expressed opposition to plans by the Legislature to transfer the regulation of alcohol and tobacco licensing to the public safety department, amid possible negative impression it may create on the island's business atmosphere. Acting Commerce Secretary David S. Palacios said the current regulatory and licensing system in place is working well within the commerce department, which also administers Civil Enforcement Mechanism in accordance to the Licensing Suspension and Revocation Functions of the Administrative Procedure Act. Mr. Palacios made the statement on the heels of legislative proposals to establish a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms under the Department of Public Safety, which virtually abolishes the same body at the commerce department.

June 15, 2001

CAO seeks action to solve Managaha's erosion woes

The winning concession for Managaha Island should make steps to stop the erosion that threatens to reclaim the Conservation Area back into the sea, the Carolinian Affairs Office said. CAO Executive Assistant Frank M. Rabauliman said the continued soil corrosion on the island topped the list of concerns aired by the Carolinian community during a meeting held Wednesday night. Rabauliman added that businesses interested in operating concession on the island should first look into its erosion problem before advancing talks of further developing the site.

DPS steps up community policing

Three Department of Public Safety officers recently came back from a US mainland trip equipped with advanced expertise on bicycle mechanics. Officers Jason Tarkong, Chong Won and George David are now certified to oversee the maintenance of police bikes which is anticipated to benefit not only DPS but the community as a whole. The group participated in a week-long Maintenance Officers Certification in Ohio last month. "We have been trained to ride bikes but not to fix them so in this training, we were taught to do just that.

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INVITATION FOR BID
PSS IFB 10-068

"GENERAL REPAIR WORK FOR SAN ANTONIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **General Repair Work at San Antonio Elementary School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on June 15, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $66.45.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on June 28, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at San Antonio Elementary School Cafeteria in San Antonio, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than July 2, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-068, and submitted with one (1) original and three (3) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 9:00 a.m., local time, July 16, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 9:00 a.m. local time July 21, 2010 in the 2nd floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 9:00 a.m. local time on July16, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or email to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 16, 2010 and must be received no later than July 27, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m., July 29, 2010.

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Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

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INVITATION FOR BID
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"GENERAL REPAIR WORK FOR HOPWOOD JR. HIGH SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **General Repair Work at Hopwood Jr. High School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on June 15, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $68.60.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on June 28, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at Hopwood Jr. High School Library in Chalan Piao, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than July 2, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

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Notice is hereby given that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), is the agency authorized to allocate Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). The United States 1986 Tax Reform Act created the federal low-income housing tax credit (Credit) under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) to assist the development of low-income rental housing by providing qualified owners with Credit to offset their federal tax obligations. The LIHTC is available to owners/developers of qualifying buildings and project that meet certain low-income occupancy and rent restrictions.

Section 42 of the Code provides that CNMI prepare a Qualified Allocation Plan to determine housing priorities and to give preference to projects serving the lowest income tenants and projects obligated to serve qualified tenants for the longest periods. The Qualified Allocation Plan must incorporate selections criteria, which includes project location, housing need characteristics, sponsor characteristics, tenant populations with special needs, and public housing waiting lists.

NMHC has developed a Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) and is available at NMHC's office. The QAP describes the basis that NMHC will use to allocate LIHTC's. NMHC may allocate $2,430,000.00 in LIHTC's for the 2010 program year.

Application for LIHTCs
Owners/Developers wishing to apply for the LIHTCs should obtain and complete a LIHTC Application. The LIHTC Application may be obtained from NMHC's Office at Garapan 500514 MIHA Building, Chalan Pale Arnold & Micro Beach Intersection, Saipan, MP 96950.

Owners/Developers must file the completed LIHTC Application and the $250.00 Application Fee in NMHC's Office by the Application Deadline of 3:00 pm, June 29, 2010. NMHC staff will review the application and will notify the Owner/Developer of any deficiencies by July 06, 2010. The Owner/Developer will be given 10 days to correct any deficiencies. Any corrections or supplemental information requested by NMHC must be received by July 16, 2010. The projects will be scored and recommendations to the NMHC Board of Directors for approval at its July 23, 2010 Board Meeting.

Notification of Awards
NMHC will notify Owners/Developers of the projects receiving 2010 LIHTCs by July 30, 2010. Owners/Developers will then have 30 days to complete their market study to meet the requirements. The reservation letter must be signed and returned to NMHC by August 30, 2010.

For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

/s/ **JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO**
Corporate Director

NMHC will make necessary arrangement for persons with disabilities or persons requiring interpreters upon prior notification. Should you require such arrangement, please contact Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, Planner/Grant Writer at telephone numbers 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

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Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BID
CUC-IFB-10-032

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified individuals or firms for the urgent supply of major overhaul and limited running parts for MITSUI #1 OVERHAUL project at Rota Power Plant CNMI.

Emergency generator sets will be used to power the island of Rota, while CUC takes down MITSUI #1 for major engine overhaul and rehabilitation. MITSUI #1 is seriously overdue for overhaul and the power situation on Rota is very critical.

A site visit and pre-bid meeting is not necessary, but bidders who wish to visit Rota power plant will be permitted with prior approval. All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on part of the proposers due to a lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of the Contractor's preparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract.

The Scope-of-Work and Bid package will be **e-mailed** upon request, to all interested bidders, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until June 9, 2010.**

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a seal envelope marked **"IFB 10-032 MITSUI#1 OVERHAUL PARTS"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 10:00 AM,** (CHST) local time, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and wave any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM local time on **June 11, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Procurement & Supply Manager via email at msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director Power System Rehabilitation via email at wallon59@yahoo.com.; Mr. Charles Manglona, Deputy Director, CUC Rota via email at charles@cucgov.net.

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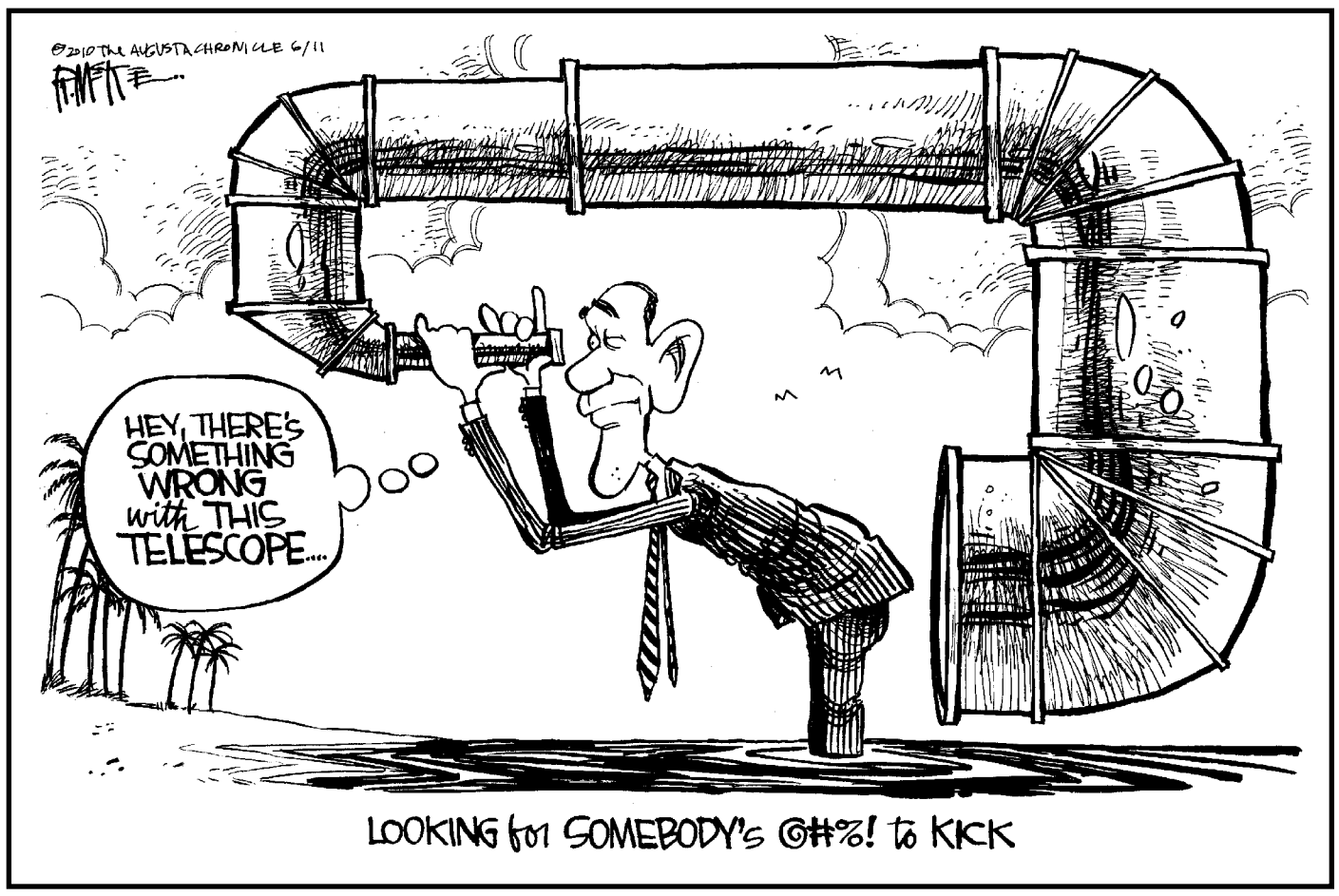

EDITORIAL

Helen Thomas: A troubling end to a distinguished career

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Blunt, irascible, argumentative. Those words have long been used to describe Helen Thomas, the grande dame of the White House press corps, particularly in recent years as her questions became less and less coherent. Now, a career spanning 10 presidencies and nearly half a century has come to an end over her own terrible answer to a question about Israeli-Palestinian relations.

After decades as a reporter for United Press International, Thomas had become a columnist for Hearst Corp. She was known as a liberal and as a critic of Israel, and certainly could have contributed to a healthy debate about Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territories or U.S. policy in the Mideast. But that's not what she did in a short videotaped interview in which she said that Jews should "get the hell out of Palestine" and "go home" to Poland and Germany. Whatever her intentions, the remarks were deeply offensive to Jews, who heard her to be saying they should return to countries that exterminated their families. On Monday, Thomas issued an apology and resigned.

It is a sad finale for someone who helped break barriers for women journalists at the center of American power largely through determination and hard work. UPI assigned Thomas to John F. Kennedy's presidential campaign—to cover his beautiful wife. When Kennedy won, Thomas went to the White House and reportedly dared her bosses to remove her from the job. They didn't. She joined a Washington press establishment that, even during appearances of presidents and foreign heads of state, confined women reporters to the balcony of the National Press Club, until the old boy's network finally agreed to accept women members in 1971. She was the first woman to serve as White House bureau chief for a wire service, the only woman journalist to accompany President Nixon on his historic trip to China, and the first female officer of not only the National Press Club but the White House Correspondents' Association.

A photograph of Thomas in her heyday shows the petite reporter, notebook in hand, chasing long-legged President Gerald R. Ford down the tarmac to an airplane—a picture of her doggedness. It would be unfortunate if Thomas were remembered only for her offensive remark on Israel and not for her decades shattering glass ceilings.

Crimes and waivers

IMMIGRATION FORUM

By MAYA KARA and BRUCE MAILMAN
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Maya Kara is a native of Hungary and comes to the practice of law by way of her interest in Asian history. Bruce Mailman is a native of Bakersfield, California and was a private investigator in California prior to becoming a lawyer. Both have lived and practiced law in the CNMI for over 20 years, Maya in government service and Bruce in private practice. They are married and are partners in the law firm of Mailman & Kara, LLC in Garapan, Saipan.

We are seeing more clients whose past mistakes have come back to haunt them when they apply for U.S. immigration status. The most common is a prior criminal arrest or conviction. Prior criminal conduct can bar a person from obtaining a green card. The only way to overcome past criminal behavior is to obtain a waiver. Waivers are available for some but not all prior criminal activities. Even if a waiver is technically available, the U.S. immigration authority has extreme discretion when deciding if it will grant the waiver. Whether or not a waiver is granted will depend not only on the factual circumstances in favor of the waiver but also on a variety of institutional factors such as identity of the adjudicator; the workload of the particular office; the policy of the regional office; prevailing case law in the particular jurisdiction (for us, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals); and political pressures that can affect and quickly change departmental policy. A waiver that is granted in one office may not be granted at another. A waiver that is granted today may not be granted next year, under very similar circumstances. As lawyers, it is our job and duty to make the strongest, most persuasive arguments on behalf of our clients. We cannot, however, control or change the institutional factors. For this reason, applying for a waiver is always a risk.

Grounds of inadmissibility

As we have stated in a prior column, ("Grounds of Inadmissibility," March 9, 2010), a person who applies for adjustment of status to Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR), must be admissible into the United States. Like many other words and phrases used in U.S. immigration law, "admissible" is a term of art. While there is no precise definition of "admissible," there is a long list of circumstances that may render a green card applicant "inadmissible." Some of the most common grounds of inadmissibility are: (a) certain medical conditions; (b) certain criminal conduct: (c) membership in a totalitarian party, (d) immigration fraud or misrepresentation; (e) false claim of U.S. citizenship; (e) smuggling; (f) unlawful presence; and (g) prior deportation. There are also miscellaneous other grounds.

Today we will focus on the consequences of criminal conduct as it applies to green card applicants. Prior criminal conduct will also affect deportability, the availability of defenses to deportation (or "removal," as it is now termed), eligibility to obtain asylum (which will not be available in the CNMI until after the end of the federalization transition period; and eligibility to naturalize. These issues are beyond the scope of today's discussion.

Prior criminal conduct

An applicant may be deemed inadmissible for purposes of adjusting status if the person

1. Has been convicted of or has admitted to the essential elements of:
   a. A crime involving moral turpitude (CIMT): or
   b. A controlled substance (illegal drug) violation;
2. Has been convicted of multiple criminal offenses (not necessarily crimes of moral turpitude), where the aggregate sentence imposed is five years or more.;
3. Has been involved in drug trafficking;
4. Has been involved with prostitution or commercial vice;
5. Has been involved with significant human trafficking;
6. Has been involved in money laundering;
7. Has been involved in terrorist activities.

The most common issues we see in our practice are the first several items on the list: crimes of moral turpitude, drug offenses and multiple convictions.

Crimes Involving Moral Turpitude (CIMT)

There is no bright line definition of what makes a crime into a CIMT. There is a large body of case law dealing with what conduct does or does not constitute a crime of moral turpitude. There are exhaustive lists in manuals that assist USCIS officers and State Department officials in evaluating and adjudicating such questions. But fitting an overall definition to any specific fact pattern is still elusive.

Generally speaking, CIMT is judged on the mental state of the person committing the crime. If the nature of the crime is morally repugnant (e.g. sexual crimes, particulary against children, fraud and other betrayals of trust), then we can be fairly certain that it will be deemed a CIMT. Crimes that do not carry a heavy moral judgment, such as simple assault, will, in all likelihood, not be deemed CIMTs. Crimes involving fraud or theft have uniformly been held to involve moral turpitude. Certain conduct that is regulatory in character but carries a criminal penalty may or may not be a CIMT depending on the statute under which the person was convicted.; examples of this type of offenses are gambling and firearms violations, tax evasion and bail jumping. But decisions in different places and different times are vary widely; the decisions are highly individualized and fact specific

Controlled substance offenses

Drug related offenses, no matter how minor, or where they occurred, are the most difficult to overcome. The INA is very broad in its prohibition of drug related conduct. Neither arrest nor conviction is necessary to brand a person as a drug user, addict or trafficker. In

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Thanking nature, for medicine

By CAROLYN LANGLIE-LESNIK
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

If someone saves your life, you want to express your gratitude however you can—a gesture, a "thank you" or somehow returning the favor. Yet when you owe your life to a plant found thousands of miles away, the task becomes much harder.

As a nurse, I've known for years that many life-saving medicines come from plants and animals found around the world. But I never thought that one day I would have to rely on the bark of a rare Asian tree to survive.

Nine years ago, I was diagnosed with appendiceal cancer and told that I had only months to live. The mother of two young children at the time, I could not accept the prognosis. Luckily, I found a doctor who was willing to help me fight. I had major abdominal surgery and months of chemotherapy.

Today I am cancer free, in large part because of irinotecan. A drug that helps block the growth of cancer cells, irinotecan is derived from a tree with banana-shaped pods found only in China and Tibet and aptly called the "Chinese Happy Tree." Yet, this tree and many other potential sources of future treatments are endangered and could soon be gone forever.

I have lived many years past my life expectancy. And countless others are alive and healthy today because of other medicines—from those that help lower cholesterol to those used to fight malaria—originally derived from natural sources.

Across the globe, however, many of our remaining wild areas that shelter plants and animals that could be the future source of numerous other new drugs are quickly disappearing. The razing of a forest in what seems like a remote corner of the world could have life-or-death consequences for people here in the United States.

Plants can't move to escape harm, so they use a complex chemical arsenal to protect themselves from insects, diseases and other threats. And many of these compounds have the potential to protect not only plants, but us as well. Indeed, half of all of the new drugs developed in the last 25 years, and 70 percent of the drugs currently used to treat cancer, have been derived from nature.

To create the new HIV drug, prostratin, scientists extracted chemical compounds from a tropical plant found in Western Samoa. The drugs vinblastine and vincristine, which treat leukemia and lymphoma, are derived from the rosy periwinkle, native to Madagascar, and there are hundreds of other examples.

Medicines have also been obtained from many animal species, some on the verge of extinction. The diabetes drug exenatide (more commonly known by its brand name "Byetta"), for example, was synthesized from a compound found in the saliva of the gila monster, an endangered lizard native to Mexico. Heart transplant survivors often take isinopril, which was derived from the venom of the Brazilian pit viper.

In 40 years, however, the habitats of these plants and animals may be gone. We lose 32 million acres of forests each year—an area almost the size of Louisiana. Scientists estimate that two-thirds of all species could become severely endangered by the end of this century. Yet researchers have only had the opportunity to test 1 percent of rainforest plants for organic compounds that could benefit human health. If we don't act soon, natural sources that could cure cancer, arthritis, HIV, diabetes, heart disease and innumerable other illnesses, may be lost to us forever.

Most of the planet's species live in the world's poorest nations and that's why I travelled, along with other cancer survivors from around the nation, to Washington last month to support a new effort in Congress to strengthen our nation's international conservation efforts. Introduced earlier this spring, the Global Conservation Act would establish a national strategy that will help our government assist in preserving the natural areas of developing countries that are too poor to do so on their own.

I'm grateful for the Chinese Happy Tree, which helped save my life and allowed me to watch my two daughters grow up. Speaking out for nature and all the medical treatments that come from it is just my way of saying "thank you."

Carolyn Langlie-Lesnik is a registered nurse, a nine-year survivor of appendiceal cancer and editor of the "The Appendix Cancer Connection." Readers may send her e-mail at carolyn@appendix-cancer.com. This essay is available to McClatchy-Tribune News Service subscribers. McClatchy-Tribune did not subsidize the writing of this column; the opinions are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the views of McClatchy-Tribune or its editors.

Letters to the Editor

Still no to Saipan casinos!

This is intended to be an open letter to the members of the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism who conducted a hearing this past Friday night on two bills promoting casino gambling on Saipan.

In the first place, the best way to guarantee non-attendance at a hearing is to schedule it for a Friday evening. Who's going to give up a "T.G.I.F." evening to go attend a hearing? None but the most dedicated—or with the most at stake.

Please do not conclude that merely because no one showed up who is opposed to casino gambling there is no opposition! Those of us who are opposed did not show up because we've said our piece already, and you know our story already. It should not be necessary for us to show up *again*, and say the same thing *again*. And so we did not. But we *are* opposed, and will vote it down in a referendum!

Why? Because casino gambling is dangerous to the economic and physical health and well-being of families, as is plainly evident from the island's ongoing experience with the damage the presence of poker machines continues to inflict. Casino gambling will be no different.

Moreover, if, as proponents argue, casino gambling is so good for the economy, why is it that there has been so little support, so little effort, to promote Tinian's casino? Even though Tinian may be the primary beneficiary, Tinian's casino contributes directly to the CNMI coffers as well, and a successful casino on Tinian would bring increased benefits not only directly, but also indirectly—through spillover benefits—to Saipan and the rest of the CNMI. Shouldn't that be where efforts should be focused?

As it is, a casino on Saipan would detract from both Tinian's casino and from Rota's efforts, making those islands even more economically dependent on Saipan than they already are—a lose-lose situation for all three islands.

Let me say it again: Just because no one showed up at Friday's hearing to voice his/her concern does *not* mean no one opposes the House bills that are attempting to bring casinos to Saipan. It just means we are tired of having to say the same thing over and over, and we have better things to do with our Friday nights!

Ruth L. Tighe
Tanapag, Saipan

Handicapped-unfriendly

Gosh! I can hardly wait to see what excuse Mr. Lizama has for this one. Mr. Lizama of the Ada Gym, that is.

On Sunday afternoon I went to the sports complex to watch the soccer match. Lo and behold, both gates were securely locked, so this 78-year-old walking-challenged individual trudged to the bleachers with my cane for assistance. On the way, I stopped at the ladies' outside restroom facility, just to check it out—in case. Yep, securely locked as well. After all, if the restrooms are open, then someone might use them and then they would have to be cleaned and oh!, those nasty budget cuts make it impossible to spend any time at all doing that necessary job.

I continued on to the bleachers and was enjoying the game when I felt the need to use the facilities. I decided I would go back home where I knew the bathroom would not be locked. As I was making my way back to the car, I glanced at the men's outside restroom and was surprised to see that this door was standing open. So I guess handicapped persons are unwanted at the Ada Sports Complex and only the masculine gender is allowed to use the restroom. And people wonder why a number of us are leaving island—me included. I am sure that some will say good riddance. But I say, "Farewell, I have loved my years here—with a few exceptions."

Sylvia Wagner Haywood
I Denni, Saipan

CRIMES

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one particularly egregious case, a person who admitted to smoking marijuana during a visa related psychiatric examination, was deemed to have violated the Philippine controlled substances law and was therefore excluded. No conviction is required; a simple admission will do, no matter what the excuse. In fact, a person may be excluded if a consular officer has reason to believe that a person has engaged in drug trafficking. "Reason to believe" requires more than a suspicion; there must exist a probability, supported by evidence that the person was involved in drug trafficking. Nevertheless, this is a much more flexible standard than the "conviction" or admission required for other crimes.

Multiple convictions

Multiple convictions, regardless of the nature of the crime, will constitute a ground of inadmissibility if the aggregate sentences actually imposed were five years or more. Unlike the CMIT standard, a suspended sentence is not deemed a sentence actually imposed. Sentences running concurrently are not accumulated. So, in order to determine whether someone is excludible under the multiple conviction ground of inadmissibility, you must look to the judgment in which the actual sentence imposed by the judge is stated. If the several sentences in the judgments add up to more than five years, the person is inadmissible.

Petty offense exception

A crime under this provision may be excused if the maximum possible penalty does not exceed one year in prison and the actual sentence imposed does not exceed six months. An actual sentence imposed includes any suspended time.

Juvenile exception

A crime under this provision may be excused if it was a single crime committed by the person while under the age of 18, as long as the person was released more than five years prior to applying for adjustment of status.

Political crimes exception

Many immigrants come to the United States from politically repressive regimes. In these countries, persons are routinely prosecuted, convicted and imprisoned for conduct that, in the United States, would be a simple exercise of a constitutional right (e.g. freedom of speech, freedom of association). Crimes of this nature, if deemed purely political crimes, are not a ground of inadmissibility.

Availability of waivers

Waivers are available, in the U.S. Attorney General's discretion, for some crimes of moral turpitude and for multiple convictions and for prostitution. A waiver is a separate application that can be made together with or separate from the application for adjustment of status. Because the waiver application carries a hefty filing fee, we generally do not file waivers together with the filing for adjustment of status unless we are certain that a waiver will be required.

There are two kinds of waivers available for a CIMT. Under the first, the person must show that (a) 15 years have passed since the relevant criminal activities took place; and (b) the admission would not be contrary to the national security or welfare and (c) the person has been rehabilitated.. (A waiver for prostitution requires only (b) and (c).) The second kind of waiver requires that the person show extreme hardship to his U.S. citizen or LPR spouse and/or U.S. citizen children.

"In evaluating extreme hardship to a qualifying relative, factors to be considered include, but are not limited to: whether the qualifying relative has family ties to this country; the extent of the qualifying relative's family ties outside the United States; conditions in the country of removal; financial impact of departure from this country; and significant health conditions, particularly when tied to an unavailability of suitable medical care in the country to which the qualifying relative would relocate." Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR), Immigration Judge Benchbook.

In drug offenses, the waiver is limited to a one time simple possession of less than 30 grams of marijuana. There may be other, collateral, attacks possible in the case of a prior drug offense, but they are difficult, expensive and risky.

What if you are currently accused of a crime, and must decide whether to make a plea agreement or go to trial? This past March, in *Padilla v. Kentucky*, the U.S. Supreme Court held that criminal defense attorneys must advise their noncitizen clients whether conviction carries a risk of deportation. The Supreme Court said that because the classes of crimes that may carry a deportation penalty has been greatly expanded in recent years, the supposedly non-criminal penalty of deportation, once considered "drastic," "is now virtually inevitable for a vast number of noncitizens convicted of crimes. These changes to our immigration law have dramatically raised the stakes of a noncitizen's criminal conviction."

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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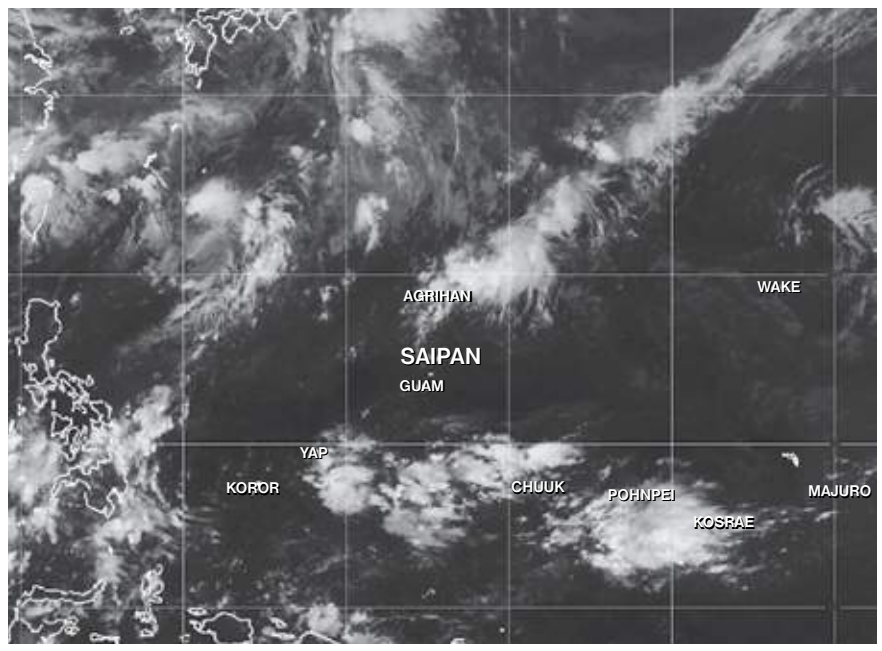
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲89	▼81
Palau	Showers	▲85	▼78
Yap	Showers	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼76
Pohnpei	Rain	▲84	▼76
Kosrae	Showers	▲89	▼79
Majuro	Rain	▲86	▼78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲59	▼46
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲90	▼70
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲83	▼71
Honolulu	Sunny	▲86	▼75
London	Sunny	▲66	▼52
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼59
Manila	Thundershowers	▲92	▼79
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲57	▼47
Miami	Thundershowers	▲93	▼81
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼63
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲84	▼68
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼53
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼67
Rome	Showers	▲81	▼61
Salem	Showers	▲66	▼48
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼54
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼66
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲78	▼72
Washington, DC	Showers	▲79	▼70

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Convergent low-level winds are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 24N and 18N from 131E to 137E farther east. Scattered showers are located northeast of the Marianas within 80 miles of a line from 18N146E to 25N155E. A surface trough stretches southward from 12N141E to 5N139E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found over Yap between 10N and 6N from 137E to 143E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms just northwest of Chuuk within 120 miles of a line from 7N143E to 10N153E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found over Kosrae and Pohnpei between 7N and 2N from 154E to 164E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:51 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet
8:29 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
4:00 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
11:11 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Wednesday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Thursday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Friday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:17 AM	9:27 PM
Wednesday	9:18 AM	10:14 PM
Thursday	10:18 AM	10:59 PM
Friday	11:15 AM	11:42 PM
Saturday	12:11 PM	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 27, 2010

DEPARTURES

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	5:55am	8:35am	Daily
DL297	3:35pm	6:15pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:10am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:20am	11:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:50am	11:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ608/705	3:20am	12:10am+1	1, 5 via PUS
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05am	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ706/607	3:35am	2:20am+1	4, 7 via PUS
C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3,5 via GUM-Palau
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4 ,6 ,7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Business

BP deploys deepsea sensors to better measure spill

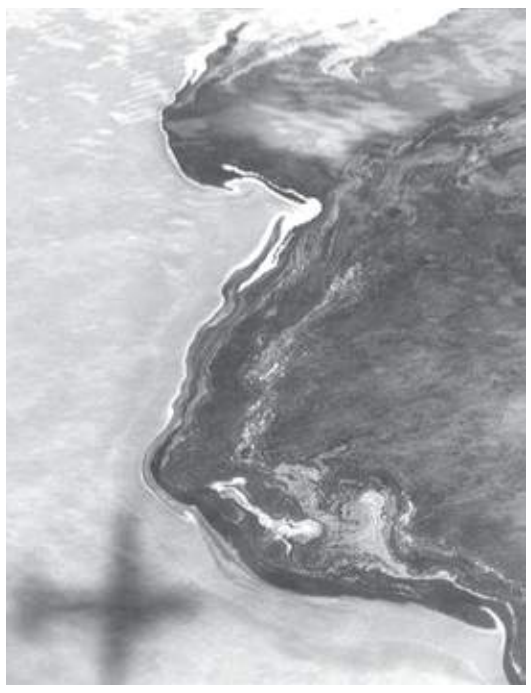
NEW ORLEANS (AP)—BP mounted a more aggressive response to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico on Sunday as it deployed undersea sensors to better measure the ferocious flow of crude while drawing up new plans to meet a government demand that it speed up the containment effort ahead of President Barack Obama's visit to the coast.

The financial ramifications of the disaster are growing by the day as the White House and states put pressure on BP to set aside billions of dollars to pay spill-related claims in a move that could quickly drain the company's cash reserves and hasten its path toward possible bankruptcy.

BP was also trying to meet a Sunday deadline to respond to a letter from the Coast Guard demanding that it intensify the efforts to stop the spill. One of the actions BP took Sunday was to use robotic submarines to position sensors inside the well to gauge how much oil is spilling.

The robots were expected to insert the pressure sensors through a line used to inject methanol—an antifreeze meant to prevent the buildup of icelike slush—into a containment cap seated over the ruptured pipe, BP spokesman David Nicholas said.

BP was installing the sensors at the request of a federal team of scientists tasked with estimating the flow, Nicholas said. He did not know when the request was made.



AP

Oil collects on the water's surface near the site of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico Sunday, June 13, 2010.

Scientists haven't been able to pin down just how much oil is leaking into the Gulf, although the high-end estimates indicated the spill could exceed 100 million gallons. The government has stressed that the larger estimates were still preliminary and considered a worse-case scenario.

The Obama administration's point man on the oil spill, Adm. Thad Allen, on Sunday said government officials think the best figures are from a middle-of-the-road estimate, which would put the spill at around 66 million gallons of oil. That is about six times the size of the Exxon Valdez spill.

BP is currently capturing about 630,000 gallons of oil a day, but hundreds thousands more are still escaping into the Gulf. The company has said that it could begin siphoning an additional 400,000 gallons a day starting Tuesday by burning it using a specialized boom being installed on a rig—and any new success would be welcome news for Obama as he returns to the Gulf.

The president was scheduled to arrive in the Gulf on Monday for a two-day visit that will be followed by a nationally televised address to the American people on Tuesday and a sit-down with BP executives Wednesday.

Report: Employers to see 2011 medical costs jump

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Companies that offer employee health insurance expect another steep jump in medical costs next year, and more will ask workers to share a bigger chunk of the expense, according to a new PricewaterhouseCoopers report.

For the first time, most of the American workforce is expected to have health insurance deductibles of $400 or more, the consulting firm said in a report released to The Associated Press.

Deductibles are the annual amount a patient pays out of pocket for care before insurance coverage starts. They are generally separate from co-payments and coinsurance.

Two years ago, only 25 percent of companies participating in the annual survey said they asked employees to pay deductibles of $400 or more. That grew to 43 percent in 2010 and is expected to pass 50 percent next year.

Employees who are asked to pay more through things like higher deductibles help keep cost growth in check because they use less health care.

The health care reform law passed by Congress and then signed by President Obama in March has just started to unfold and will have little impact on costs next year, said Michael Thompson, a principal with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

"In general, it's a continuation of a fairly high rate of medical inflation," he said.

PricewaterhouseCoopers found that medical costs are expected to rise 9 percent next year. But this doesn't mean workers will see their monthly premiums jump by the same amount.

Employers typically try to soften the impact of a cost increase by absorbing some of it, changing insurance plan designs or asking employees to pay higher deductibles or a larger coinsurance percentage.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Spirit Airlines cancels flights through Tuesday

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)—Spirit Airlines is canceling all of its flights through Tuesday, stranding thousands more passengers as a pilot's strike continues into its second day. The discount carrier said on its website Sunday that all Spirit Airlines flights have been cancelled through June 15. Spirit pilots walked off the job Saturday amid an ongoing contract dispute with the airline that has lasted for more than three years. Spirit pilots have said their pay lags behind competitors such as AirTran Airways and JetBlue. "None of the planes are moving and none of our pilots have crossed the picket line," Paul Hopkins, strike committee chairman of Spirit's unit of The Air Line Pilots Association, said Sunday.

Asian stocks rise on better US consumer confidence

TOKYO (AP)—Asian stock markets rose in early trading Monday as sentiment turned upbeat on a report showing U.S. consumers confidence grew to its highest level since early 2008. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average gained 151.51 points, or 1.6 percent, to 9,856.76 in the morning session. Investors also chased gains in Japanese exporters on an easing yen. A weak yen helps Japanese exporters as it lifts the value of their repatriated profits, and makes their goods more competitive by price abroad. South Korea's Kospi index added 1.1 percent to 1,693.28. Australia's stock market was closed Monday due to a public holiday.

Nation

Families of missing visit site of Ark. flash flood

LANGLEY, Ark. (AP)—Anxious family members toured the campground Sunday where their loved ones were staying when they were swept away by a flash flood, allowed to see for themselves the steep terrain that made escaping the rising water in darkness so difficult.

About 20 people from two families were brought to the site—the only people still remaining at a nearby church to wait for word of the missing. Rescue commanders helped the families find their loved ones' campsites and to gather heartbreaking mementos, including baby pictures and a child's blanket.

"It's just overwhelming for them. It looks like a war zone here," said the church's pastor, Graig Cowart, who accompanied the group.

As the search went from one of rescue to recovery, 19 people had been confirmed killed in the pre-dawn Friday flood. Searchers recovered one body Sunday in a debris pile, and State Police Capt. Mike Fletcher said that one person remained missing. He didn't say whose body was found, and said earlier police reports that three people were missing were incorrect.

Many people first feared missing are now not believed to have been camping at the Albert Pike Recreation Area, the part of Ouachita National Forest hardest hit by flooding, State Police spokesman Bill Sadler said. Those people are believed to be camping elsewhere in the state, out of cell phone range, he said.

Rigger faces trial in deadly NYC crane collapse

NEW YORK (AP)—It was one of the nation's deadliest construction crane accidents: A 200-foot-tall rig crashed down on a dense city block, killing seven people, leaving a gash of destruction near the United Nations and raising questions about the safety of the steel spindles that build skyscrapers.

The man prosecutors accuse of causing it, rigging contractor William Rapetti, is poised to go to trial in the March 2008 disaster, which fueled tighter scrutiny of cranes in New York and elsewhere.

Prosecutors say Rapetti recklessly did a slipshod job of securing the rig while it was being extended upward. His lawyer says Rapetti followed common industry practices, and says other factors could have felled the crane. He has suggested some responsibility may lie with a crane operator who was killed in the collapse, infuriating the operator's family.

Jury selection in the manslaughter case is set to start June 21.

Michelle Obama vows to help Camp Pendleton troops

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP)—After meeting with wounded Marines, first lady Michelle Obama told thousands of troops and their families Sunday that she is launching a national challenge for every American to find ways to make life easier for the families of those fighting U.S. wars.

Since her husband took office, Obama has been visiting bases across the country as part of her mission to help military families. She called Camp Pendleton and the surrounding Southern California cities a model for community support of troops.

But California Republicans called the event a publicity stunt to help Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer, who is running for a fourth term and has been criticized by opponents for not doing enough to support troops. President Barack Obama has flown to California twice in recent months to help the imperiled incumbent's fundraising efforts.

Boxer and U.S. Rep. Susan Davis, D-Calif. accompanied Obama during her visit to the San Diego-area base on a sunny afternoon.

The first lady paid tribute to the five Camp Pendleton Marines killed in the last week in Afghanistan. She told the crowd of 3,500 troops and their families that she came to the base for a simple reason:

"To help the rest of our country better understand and appreciate the incredible service of you and your families, and to make sure your voices are heard back in Washington and that your needs are met."

ACROSS THE NATION

Disappearance of Oregon boy classified as criminal

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The search for a missing Portland boy was reclassified as a criminal investigation Sunday, 10 days after he disappeared, but authorities wouldn't say why. "As of today, the search and rescue crews will have completed the mission we set out for them," Multnomah County Sheriff's Capt. Monte Reiser said at a news conference. Their mission was to follow up on tips and comb the area within a two-mile radius of Skyline Elementary School for 7-year-old Kyron Horman, he said. Kyron disappeared June 4 after a morning science fair at the rural school. His absence was reported that afternoon, when he failed to return home on a school bus and his stepmother contacted the school, which called 911. Also Sunday, Sheriff Dan Staton announced that his department is offering a $25,000 reward for information that leads to Kyron.

Trapped man who lost arm out of intensive care

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—The mother of a man who cut off most of his arm after it was caught in a furnace for three days says he is out of intensive care. Jonathan Metz underwent surgery at St. Francis Hospital to close a wound where he tried to cut off his arm after getting caught in the furnace. He succeeded in cutting off most of his arm, and paramedics completed the amputation. He is expected to be fitted for a prosthetic arm. Thirty-one-year-old Metz was trying to repair his basement furnace last week when his left arm became wedged in the furnace's vertical slots. A local company is donating a new furnace that will be installed at Metz's house Monday.

FAA: 4 dead in crash of small plane in SW Ark.

UMPIRE, Ark. (AP)—An official with the Federal Aviation Administration says four people are dead after a small airplane crashed in southwest Arkansas. FAA spokeswoman Elizabeth Isham Cory said the single-engine plane took off Sunday morning from DeQueen and was headed to an airport in north Arkansas or southern Missouri with four people on board. She said all four were killed when the plane crashed near Umpire in Howard County, about 90 miles north of Texarkana. Howard County Sheriff Butch Morris said the plane went down about 9:30 a.m. in a remote, wooded portion of the Howard County Wildlife Management Area. He said a woman called the sheriff's office saying she heard a plane flying low over her house and then a "thud." Morris said the cause of the crash was still unknown.

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	NAME	Job Title	Company/Agency	Work Readiness Workshop Schedule
1	ABADAM, Abigael C.	Registration Clerk	DPH-Business Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
2	ABADAM, Carolynn C.	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
3	ADA, Bernice Jane T.	Dispatcher	DPS-Dispatch Unit	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
4	AGULTO, Courtney A.	Office Clerk	Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
5	AGULTO, Felix F.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Customs Seaport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
6	AGULTO, Franklin A.	Supply Technician	DPH-Procurement and Supply	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
7	AGULTO, Monique A.	Receptionist Clerk	CJPA	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
8	AGULTO, Zachary B.	Mechanic Helper	Office of the Mayor, Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
9	AISEK, Jonder M.	Office Clerk	Duty Free Shoppers-Galleria	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
10	ALDAN, Liyan Yashio L.	Revenue Library Aide	DOF-Revenue and Taxation	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
11	ALDAN, Michael C.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Joeten Dandan Market	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
12	ALDAN, Mikayla Merced L.	Office Clerk	DPL	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
13	ALOMIA, Luisito J., Jr.	Sales Clerk	Joeten Enterprises-The Athlete's Foot	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
14	AMANDUS, Beverly K.	Revenue Tax Trainee	DOF-Revenue and Taxation	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
15	AMANDUS, Clarence P.	Sales Clerk	Joeten Enterprises-Joeten Borderline Garapan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
16	AMANDUS, Hanson P.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Ace Hardware Gualo Rai	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
17	AMANDUS, Malcolm P.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Ace Hardware San Vicente	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
18	AMANTUS, Cathy	Cashier	World Resort-Gift Shop	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
19	ANGUI, Maria Antonia T.	Office Clerk	NMC-Administrative Services Div.	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
20	ANGUI, Vicente T.	Administrative Assistant	DPS-OGSP	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
21	APOLINAR, Jessica C.	Registration Clerk	DPH-Business Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
22	APOLINAR, Mhark C.	Eligibility Worker	DPH-Medicaid Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
23	ARRIOLA, Maria Teresa C.	Shop Parts/Office Clerk	Torres Refrigeration Inc.	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
24	ATALIG, Franklin	Construction Inspector	DPW-Building Safety Code Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
25	AVILA, Jademark P.	Receptionist Clerk	World Resort-La Mer	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
26	BABAUTA, Avilynn J.	Cashier	Joeten Enterprises-Hafa Adai Garapan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
27	BABAUTA, Daviey J.	Sales Clerk	Joeten Enterprises-Joeten Borderline Garapan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
28	BABAUTA, Jacob R.	Housekeeping	Hyatt-Room Attendant	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
29	BAHILLO, Albert M.	Maintenance Helper	DPH-Maintenance Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
30	BALLESTEROS, Carlo T.	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
31	BARTOLOME, Jamie S.	Information Services Aide	NMC-Information Services	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
32	BARTOLOME, Jerica S.	Graphic Designer	World Resort-Operations	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
33	BARTOLOME, Jerome S.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Ace Hardware, San Vicente	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
34	BASTO, Kevin B.	Office Clerk	CPA-Administration Airport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
35	BASTO, Robin B.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Airport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
36	BAUTISTA, Bradley Roy I.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Joeten Kagman Market	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
37	BAUTISTA, Dwayne Jay I.	Supply Technician	DOF-Procurement & Supply	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
38	BAUTISTA, Joysie Keolani I.	Office Clerk	Scholarship Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
39	BAUTISTA, Keiron Christine I.	Office Receptionist	DCCA-Chamorro/Carolinian Language Policy Commission	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
40	BERI, Kathleen L.	Medical Records Clerk	DPH-HIMO, Medical Records	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
41	BLAS, Rosalynn K.	Office Clerk	Law Revision Commission	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
42	BORJA, Britney Ann C.	Accounting Clerk	DPH-Billing Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
43	BORJA, Jennalmae P.	Administrative Assistant	DPW-ASD, Personnel Section	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
44	BORJA, Lelani	Medical Records Clerk	DPH-HIMO, Medical Records	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
45	BORJA, Willina Mae	Office Clerk	NMHC-Program & Housing Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
46	BUBOS, Wincel Mae O.	Data Entry Clerk	NMC-School of Education	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
47	CABANAYAN, Whitney S.	Eligibility Worker	DPH-Medicaid Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
48	CABRERA, Brian E.	CAD Trainee	DPW-TSD, Facilities CAD Drafter	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
49	CABRERA, Jennifer E.	Accounting Clerk	DPH-Accounts Payable	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
50	CABRERA, Sherylyn E.	Office Aide	NMHC-Fiscal Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
51	CANGCO, Leilani D.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Airport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
52	CANO, Charmaine P.	Office Clerk	Joeten Enterprises-JCT Main Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
53	CASTRO, Cassandra L.	Office Clerk	Palms Resort Saipan-HR/Executive Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
54	CASTRO, Francis T.	Office Clerk	NMHC-Planner Grant Writer Section	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
55	CASTRO, Jacqueline R.	Front Desk Clerk	Aqua Resort Club-Front Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
56	CASTRO, Shanita T.	Registration Clerk	DPH-Business Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
57	CELESTE, Wilson C.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Ace Hardware Gualo Rai	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
58	CEPEDA, Albert Z.	Computer Lab Aide	NMC-Computer Lab	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
59	CHENOR, Samantha E.	Administrative Assistant	MVA	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
60	COSMES, Iufita T.	Office Clerk	Board of Parole	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
61	CRESPO, Johsua V.	Clerical Aide	DPL-Compliance Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
62	CUDIAMAT, Mario R.	Bellhop	Mariana Resort & Spa	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
63	CUELLAR, Jaime N.	Auto AC/Mechanic Trainee	Torres Refrigeration Inc.	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
64	DAWE, Bernadette Marie I.	Office Clerk	DPH-Public Health	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
65	DEALA, Mark Arthur D.	Bellhop	World Resort-Front Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
66	DEFANG, Ladefaleen	Office Clerk	DPH-Public Health	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
67	DEFANG, Stanis S.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Ace Hardware Susupe	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
68	DELA ROSA, Odesa G.	Administrative Assistant	CUC-Power Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
69	DELEON GUERRERO, Kaylynn	Administrative Assistant	DOF-Secretary's Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
70	DELOS SANTOS, Jerry M.	Guest Service Officer	Hyatt Regency Saipan-Club Elan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
71	DEMAPAN, Anna Rit A.	Office Clerk	NMC-Upward Bound	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
72	DEMAPAN, Arnold A.	Computer Lab Aide	NMC-Computer Lab	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
73	DEMAPAN, Gus A.	Media Services Aide	NMC-Media Services	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
74	DEMAPAN, Mary A.	Office Clerk	DPH	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
75	DEPICH, Mailin J.	Administrative Assistant	CUC-Accounting	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
76	DIESTRO, Lovely L.	Busboy	World Resort	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
77	DINNEY, Nelson	Administrative Assistant	Office of the Mayor, Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
78	EMILIANO, Guenavere DLG.	Administrative Assistant	CUC-Executive Director	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
79	EMUL, Raymond Jonathan SN.	Administrative Assistant	CUC-Procurement & Supply	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
80	ENISER, Frenky R.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Ace Hardware Susupe	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
81	ESCALADA, Scott J.	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
82	ESCALADA, Shawn J.	Recreation Trainee	DCCA-Sports and Recreation Administration	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
83	ESCALONA, Juliano I.	Guest Service Officer	Hyatt Regency Saipan-Bell	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
84	ESEFAU, Kesner	Sales Support/Promoters	Duty Free Shoppers-Airport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
85	ESNER, Keri Rose C.	Administrative Assistant	DOF-Customs Seaport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
86	ESTOQUE, Benedick D.	Administrative Assistant	Office of the Mayor, Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
87	FEJERAN, Elisa D.	Administrative Assistant	Pacific Trading Company, Ltd.	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
88	FITIAL, Malia I.	Administrative Assistant	DOF-Customs Seaport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
89	FLO'OR, Daniel	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
90	GASPAR, Zoren Glenn D.	Clerk	DPW-Laboratory Unit	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
91	GERMANCE, Khesler T.	Dispatcher	DPS-Dispatch Unit	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
92	GIDEON, Liyelmatau Gininga K.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Customs Seaport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
93	GUEVARRA, Joe O.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Customs Airport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
94	GUEVARRA, Madalyn O.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Customs C.K.Post Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
95	GUEVARRA, Malisa O.	Sales Clerk	Coral Ocean Point Resort Club	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
96	HARO, Harolynn T.	Maintenance Assistant	CPA-Seaport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
97	HARO, Karmerita	Recreation Trainee	DCCA-Sports and Recreation Administration	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
98	HARO, Slyn T.	Recreation Trainee	DCCA-Sports and Recreation Administration	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
99	HAUK, Sophie	Office Clerk	DPH-Medical Referral Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
100	HOSSAIN, Mohammed A.	Office Clerk	DPH-Public Health	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
101	HOSSAIN, Omar M.	Kitchen Helper	DPH-Dietary Unit	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
102	IBARRA, Annalyn	Sales Support/Promoters	Duty Free Shoppers-Galleria	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
103	ICHIHARA, Parnell C.	Revenue Enforcement Technician	DOF-Revenue and Taxation	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
104	IDERBEI, Abbygail R.	Room Attendant	Aqua Resort Club	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
105	IDERBEI, Meredith R.	Administrative Assistant	Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc.	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
106	IDERBEI, Stalin R.	Housekeeping	Mariana Resort & Spa	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
107	IGISAIAR, Elkanah A.	Customer Service Clerk	Office of the Mayor, Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
108	IGISIAR, Marcy Ezra	Office Clerk	CJPA	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
109	IGISOMAR, Lorraine	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
110	ILO, Rianalyn C.	Office Clerk	Law Revision Commission	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8 AM-12 Noon American Memorial Park Theatre
111	INGRAM, James Justin L.	Information Services Aide	NMC-Information Services	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
112	INOCENCIO, Julius D.	Revenue Tax Trainee	DOF-Revenue and Taxation	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
113	JOHN, Samantha Y.	TBD	TBD	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
114	JONES, Janet L.	Registration Clerk	DPH-Business Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
115	KAAINOA, Beatrice S.	Office Clerk	Palms Resort Saipan-Purchasing Department	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
116	KAIPAT, Emina P.	Library Aide	NMC-Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
117	KAIPAT, Leon W.	Nursery Assistant	Office of the Mayor, Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
118	KAIPAT, Paul W.	Sales Clerk	Coral Ocean Point Resort Club	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
119	KANI, Glen K.	Maintenance Assistant	CPA-Seaport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
120	KASIAN, Ines L.	Receptionist	Bank of Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
121	KAZUO, Selima C.	Administrative Assistant	NMC-Criminal Justice Program	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
122	KAZUO, Stacy Marie N.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Dandan Market	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
123	KENIO, Ita	Office Clerk	DPH-Public Health	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
124	KENIO, Youlynne	Dental Assistant	DPH-Dental Health Services	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
125	KING, John DLC. Jr.	Nursery Assistant	Office of the Mayor, Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
126	KLEWEI, Courtney T.	Legal Clerk Intern	Robert Tenorio Torres-Attorney at Law	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
127	KUMUCH, Anthonio L.	Merchandiser Assistant	Dickerson & Quinn	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
128	LACANDAZO, Erene Rose S.	Office Clerk	NMC-Upward Bound	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
129	LACANLALE, Robert S.	Gym & Spa Trainee	World Resort-Spaness	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
130	LACAY, Lorielyn D.	Administrative Assistant	DOF-Customs Seaport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
131	LACAY, Sherlyn D.	Office Clerk	DCCA-Chamorro/Carolinian Language Policy Commission	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
132	LEEMARVIN, Sharla	Sales Support/Promoters	Duty Free Shoppers-Galleria	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
133	LEON GUERRERO, Anthony L.	TBD	TBD	Thursday, June 24, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
134	LEON GUERRERO, Vince N.	Front Desk Clerk	Coral Ocean Point Resort Club-Front Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
135	LEYCO, Ian M.	Office Clerk	DPW-Solid Waste Management Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
136	LISUA, Mathew L.	Guest Service Officer	Hyatt Regency Saipan-Bell	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
137	LITULUMAR, Stephen R.	Office Clerk	DCCA-Carolinian Affairs Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
138	LIZAMA, Benedicto D. Jr.	Office Clerk	Palms Resort Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
139	LIZAMA, Ezra D.	Cashier	Mariana Resort & Spa	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
140	LIZAMA, Joseph Q.	Office Clerk	DPW-Solid Waste Management Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
141	LIZAMA, Kraven Q.	Marketing Administrative Assistant	Pacific Trading Company, Ltd.	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
142	LIZAMA, Nicole Q.	Office Clerk	PSS-Americorps Program	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
143	LUDWIG, Kellanie S.	Accounting Clerk	DPH-Billing Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
144	MABANAN, Maria Rubymel V.	Office Clerk	DPH-Public Health	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
145	MAFNAS, Kaela Kioni V.	Clerical Aide	DPL-Compliance Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
146	MAGLONZO, Jacqueline B.	On Air Personality	Sorenson Productions	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
147	MAGLONZO, Jeric B.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Ace Hardware Gualo Rai	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
148	MAGOFNA, Cineil S.	Accounting Clerk	DPH-Billing Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
149	MAGOFNA, Dominick S.	Office Clerk	DCCA-Secretary's Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
150	MAGOFNA, John S.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Customs Seaport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
151	MAGOFNA, Tisha Basa	Customs Trainee	DOF-Customs Airport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
152	MALABANAN, Jane T.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Customs Airport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
153	MALABANAN, Jean T.	Office Clerk	CPA-Airport Admin.	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
154	MALDANGESANG, Jeremie V.	Sales Clerk	Joeten Enterprises-Joeten Susupe	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
155	MALITY, Shawnalynn S.	On Air Personality	Sorenson Productions	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
156	MANAHANE, Delvin H.	Warehouse Clerk	DPH-MMO, Lower Base	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
157	MANAHANE, Marvin H., Jr.	Stocker	Joeten Enterprises-Joeten Kagman Market	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
158	MANALO, Larry Jay F.	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
159	MANGTHEG, Christopher	Warehouse Helper	Joeten Enterprises-SDC Wholesale	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
160	MESIK, Jaswill	Sales Clerk	Joeten Enterprises-The Athlete's Foot	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
161	MICHAEL, Darren Jay	Mechanic Helper	Office of the Mayor, Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
162	MICHAEL, Markes S.	Office Clerk	Law Revision Commission	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
163	MITIN, Jolyn	Parole Officer Aide	Board of Parole	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
164	MOSES, Cassandra R.	Office Clerk	World Resort-HR Department	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
165	NACHU, Pisanty C.	AC/Refrigeration Apprentice	Torres Refrigeration Inc.	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
166	NAOG, John P.	Environmental Trainee	DEQ	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
167	NARTIN, Narphin M.	Master Control	Sorenson Productions	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
168	NEKAIFES, Andy SP.	Sales Clerk	Joeten Enterprises-Joeten Susupe	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
169	NEKAIFES, Jaclyn L.	Administrative Assistant	DPS-HR Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
170	NEPAIAL, Kimberly M.	Office Clerk	DPH-Medical Referral Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
171	NGESKEBEI, Malena R.	Front Desk Clerk	Coral Ocean Point Resort Club-Front Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
172	NORECH, Agatha W.	Accounting Clerk	DPL	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
173	NORECH, Asada KN.	Office Clerk	CPA-Ports Police	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
174	NORECH, Katherine KN.	Administrative Assistant	DPS-BMV	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
175	NORITA, Junela N.	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
176	NORITA, Lora Lesley K.	Administrative Assistant	NMC-CDI	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
177	NORITA, Lori Lynn K.	Office Clerk	NMC-Distance Education Facilities	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
178	NORITA, Rose Marie N.	Front Desk Clerk	Sorenson Productions	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
179	NORITA, Sandy N.	Busboy	World Resort-Food and Beverage	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
180	NORITA, Shauna C.	Administrative Assistant	DOF-Procurement & Supply	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
181	NORITA, Victorino C.	Warehouse Clerk	DPH-MMO, Lower Base	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
182	OGOY, Joville Lyn A.	Computer Lab Aide	NMC-Computer Lab	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
183	OLAITIMAN, Peter John I.	Supply Technician	DPH	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
184	OLOPAI, Jiovonni L.	Maintenance Helper	DPH-Maintenance Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
185	OVENY, Raynna A.	Office Clerk	DCCA-Carolinian Affairs Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
186	PALACIOS, Bertran Franklin DLR. Jr.	Filing Clerk	Bank of Saipan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
187	PALACIOS, Bertrina DLR.	Firefighter Trainee	DPS-Fire Division	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
188	PALACIOS, Jaressa DLR.	Office Clerk	CPA-Lease Compliance-Airport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
189	PALACIOS, Lynesia DLC.	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
190	PATUBO, Virgilio Jr., M.	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
191	PAUL, Alfred H.	Recreation Trainee	DCCA-Sports and Recreation	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
192	PERCIL, William Rey M.	Eligibility Worker	DPH-Medicaid Office	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
193	PETER, Fremy F.	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Library	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
194	PETER, Mario F.	Inventory Control Clerk	NMC-Bookstore	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
195	PETER, Marmy	Accounts Clerk	World Resort-Accounting Department	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
196	PHILLIP, Loveme R.	Tax Technician	DOF-Revenue and Taxation	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
197	PINAULA, Reginalynn SN.	Guest Service Officer	Hyatt Regency Saipan-Club Elan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
198	PORTADES, Gio Armani F.	Cashier	Joeten Enterprises-Hafa Adai Garapan	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
199	PUA, Carmina H.	Sales Support/Promoters	Duty Free Shoppers-Galleria	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
200	PUA, Shane L.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Customs Seaport	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
201	RABAULIMAN, Jesus K.	Administrative Assistant	DPS-BMV	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
202	RABAULIMAN, Joaquina A.	Office Clerk	DCCA-LIHEAP	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
203	RABAULIMAN, Yumi K.	Administrative Assistant	CUC-Procurement and Supply	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 1:00pm-5:00pm American Memorial Park Theatre
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Asia

SKorea's president wants strong response to NKorea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's president stressed Monday the need to bolster military readiness and sternly respond to North Korea over the deadly sinking of a warship, or risk more such provocations.

South Korea has taken a slew of punitive measures against North Korea—including resuming propaganda operations—after blaming Pyongyang for torpedoing the South Korean warship Cheonan in March. Forty-six South Korean sailors died.

North Korea flatly denies the allegation and has warned any retaliation would trigger war. The country's military said Saturday it would launch an all-out strike against any propaganda facilities South Korea used at the border and could even turn Seoul into "a sea of flame." The North has made similar threats in the past.

On Monday, South Korean President Lee Myung-bak renewed calls for a strong response.

"If we fail to sternly respond to North Korea's wrongdoing in cooperation with the international community and build up solid military readiness, a second and third provocation like the Cheonan incident can occur anytime," he said in a nationally televised speech.

Lee also said he would revamp and strengthen South Korea's military and hold some officers responsible for the sinking.

Karzai: Ramping up security is a 'go' for Kandahar

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP)—President Hamid Karzai gave the green light to a major security crackdown in the Taliban birthplace of Kandahar on Sunday, assuring residents the operation was aimed at battling corruption and bad government as much as insurgents.

Hundreds of tribal and religious leaders, sitting cross-legged in a steamy conference hall, publicly endorsed the plan, although Afghan officials acknowledged skepticism remains over the high-stakes operation, seen as a possible turning point in the nearly nine-year-old war.

Afghan and international forces already have started to ramp up security, raising fears among the estimated half-million people living in and around the city that military action will lead to more bloodshed. Karzai worked to allay those fears, saying the operation would not resemble a heavy military offensive replete with tanks and airstrikes that could endanger civilians.

"The cleaning-up operation will start first inside Kandahar city and then we will go to the districts," Karzai said, urging those in the audience to put aside fears of retaliation and join him in retaking control of the city from insurgents, criminals and wealthy power-brokers.

"We need your cooperation with this operation," he said. "I don't accept any excuse for not cooperating. We want this operation to be successful."

Mass wedding for former Tamil fighters

VAVUNIYA, Sri Lanka (AP)—Fifty-three couples of former Tamil Tiger rebels were married Sunday in a colorful mass ceremony at a government camp in northern Sri Lanka with a Bollywood star as witness.

Some of the brides and grooms had trained or fought together during the island's quarter-century civil war that ended last year.

They are among thousands of rebels who surrendered to the government and are still interned at a rehabilitation camp near the northern town of Vavuniya.

Some of the couples had already been living together without being legally married—socially unacceptable in Sri Lanka. Others had only taken a vow at Hindu temples and exchanged flower garlands, according to an ethnic Tamil tradition.

Government ministers attended Sunday's ceremony, signing the marriage certificates and giving gifts to the couples.

Bollywood heartthrob Viveik Oberoi also attended and joined camp inmates in a dance to a popular Tamil song from a south Indian movie. Oberoi had come came to Sri Lanka for an Indian film awards earlier this month and visited the camp at the government's invitation.

ASIAN BRIEFS

35 feared drowned as boat capsizes in north India

LUCKNOW, India (AP)—At least 35 people are feared drowned after a boat capsized on the Ganges river in northern India early Monday, police said. The crowded vessel was carrying 60-70 people traveling to a temple for a religious function, according to local police official Shivendra Yadav. Passengers on the boat, which was meant to carry about 30 passengers, were mostly women and children from Ujveria village in Uttar Pradesh state, who were going to visit a temple across the river, Yadav said. "As the boat entered the midstream it failed to take the weight of the people and collapsed," Yadav said. About 25 people managed to swim to safety. Yadav said rescuers had recovered 12 bodies so far and were still working in the area. The incident took place in Ballia, 250 miles (400 kilometers) southeast of Lucknow, the state capital of Uttar Pradesh. Boat tragedies are common in the impoverished state. Vessels used to ferry passengers are generally rickety and overcrowded and people seldom use life jackets.

Report: Pakistani spy agency supports Taliban

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan's main spy agency continues to arm and train the Taliban and is even represented on the group's leadership council despite U.S. pressure to sever ties and billions in aid to combat the militants, said a research report released Sunday. The findings could heighten tension between the two countries and raise further questions about U.S. success in Afghanistan since Pakistani cooperation is seen as key to defeating the Taliban, which seized power in Kabul in the 1990s with Islamabad's support. U.S. officials have suggested in the past that current or former members of Pakistan's powerful Inter-Services Intelligence agency, or ISI, have maintained links to the Taliban despite the government's decision to denounce the group in 2001 under U.S. pressure. But the report issued Sunday by the London School of Economics offered one of the strongest cases that assistance to the group is official ISI policy, and even extends to the highest levels of the Pakistani government.

RP bus crash kills 18, mostly Iranians

CEBU, Philippines (AP)—A tourist bus packed with Iranian nationals plunged into a ravine Sunday while negotiating a mountain road in the central Philippines, killing at least 18 people and injuring more than 30 others. The bus, carrying dozens of mostly Iranian medical students and doctors, apparently suffered brake failure then plummeted into a 100-foot (30-meter) ravine in Balamban town in Cebu province, police Senior Superintendent Erson Digal said. At least 18 people, mostly Iranians and including children, were killed, said regional military spokesman Lt. Col. Wilson Feria, who was at the scene of the accident. Villagers and police pulled at least 10 bodies from the mangled bus wreckage at the rocky bottom of the ravine. Several seriously injured passengers were brought to hospitals, Digal told The Associated Press.

World

Fresh ethnic violence erupts in Kyrgyzstan

OSH, Kyrgyzstan (AP)—Sporadic gunfire continued through the night and fresh fires raged in southern Kyrgyzstan on Monday, as the Central Asian nation's worst ethnic violence in decades that prompted thousands to flee showed no signs of abating.

The official death toll reached 117 with 1,500 hurt, the Health Ministry of this beleaguered former Soviet country, which hosts U.S. and Russian military bases, announced early Monday.

Accounts from international aid agencies and other witnesses suggest the real figures could be multiples higher: the International Committee of the Red Cross has said its delegates witnessed about 100 bodies being buried in just one cemetery.

In days of attacks, mobs of rioters slaughtered ethnic minority Uzbeks and burned their homes and businesses. More than 75,000 Uzbeks fled the country amid attacks that also appeared aimed at undermining the new interim government.

AP

Clothes pegs hang on a rope in the foreground as an Uzbeks' residence burns after being torched by Kyrgyz men, in Jalal-Abad, Kyrgyzstan, Sunday, June 13, 2010

New fires raged Monday across Osh—the second-largest city that's on the border with Uzbekistan, and where food and water were becoming scarce. Armed looters smashed stores, stealing anything from televisions to food.

No police could be seen on the streets, though authorities insisted some of the improvised checkpoints dotted around the city of 250,000 were theirs.

Cars stolen from ethnic Uzbeks raced around the city, most crowded with young Kyrgyz wielding sharpened sticks, axes and metal rods.

In some parts of Osh, Kyrgyz residents protected homes housing both Kyrgyz and Uzbek.

In another city beset by violence, Jalal-Abad, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) away, armed Kyrgyz amassed at the central square. Their stated goal was to travel to the nearby Uzbek settlement of Suzak in search of an Uzbek community leader they blame for starting the trouble.

Security a work in progress at World Cup venues

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Someone walks through a metal detector and the buzzer sounds. Smiling guards wave him forward without making him empty his pockets or even explain why the alarm might have gone off.

That scene, unthinkable at an airport terminal, has been repeated many times at several stadiums in the first days of the World Cup. With the attention of billions of soccer fans, the monthlong event hosted by South Africa could be a tempting target for terrorists.

The laid-back security treatment at stadiums and the main media center appears to be reserved mostly for credentialed visitors such as journalists and VIPs. Bag searches are often cursory or nonexistent, and credentials often are not closely examined.

Horst Schmidt, a senior FIFA security expert who is an adviser to the World Cup organizers, expressed confidence that regular fans were being rigorously screened, but said it was possible that people with credentials were treated with more deference.

"Maybe it's more relaxed," he said. "But there are strict orders... They checked my accreditation. They looked into my face to compare with the photograph."

Thus far, no serious security problems have been reported at the venues during matches—fans have been exuberant and mostly well-behaved. Police say they are pleased, and FIFA—while acknowledging widespread inexperience among the venue screeners—is confident there will be steady improvement as the tournament progresses.

"This was the first time they were facing this amount of people getting in," Schmidt said. "It takes some time to make them aware and familiar with the situation."

WORLD BRIEFS

26 die as insurgents storm Iraq's central bank

BAGHDAD (AP)—Insurgents wearing military uniforms stormed Iraq's central bank Sunday during an apparent robbery attempt, battling security forces in a three-hour standoff after bombs exploded nearby in a coordinated daylight attack that left as many as 26 people dead. The assault on Iraq's top financial institution stoked fears that insurgents are taking advantage of political deadlock after inconclusive March 7 national elections to try to derail security gains as the U.S. prepares to withdraw its forces by the end of next year. The 325-member parliament was due to convene Monday, but analysts have said agreement on a new government could still be months away.

Explosions kill 5, wound 75 at Kenya rally

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—Two explosions ripped through a park in Kenya's capital during a packed political rally late Sunday, killing five people and wounding 75, officials said. The rally was held to protest a draft constitution the country will vote on in August. The country's president and prime minister support it, but several prominent political leaders do not. Prime Minister Raila Odinga said officials don't yet know the cause of the blasts, but that they wounded 75 people. Dr. Charles Kabetu of Kenya's national hospital said five people had died. "I want to say clearly that the government will do everything possible to get to the root of this incident. We must condemn this," Odinga said. "Kenyans can decide peacefully what they want" concerning the constitution.

Israeli police officers wounded in shooting attack

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israeli police say three police officers have been wounded in a shooting attack in the West Bank. Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld says that shots were fired at a police vehicle traveling north of Hebron early on Monday. He says police forces are searching the area for suspects. Israel's emergency services reported three people wounded at the scene—two in serious condition and one lightly wounded. Israeli vehicles have been favorite targets for Palestinian militants in West Bank drive-by shooting attacks. But such attacks have diminished considerably in recent years.

Focus

Calif. teen sailor thought rescue might take weeks

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) —The California teenager who was plucked from her disabled sailboat in the turbulent southern Indian Ocean said Sunday she is in awe of the effort to rescue her and thought it might take much longer before she was saved.

Writing on her blog, Abby Sunderland said she had only hoped for a ship to pass her by within a few weeks.

Instead, a coordinated international response was launched to find the 16-year-old. A French fishing vessel rescued her more than 2,000 miles west of Australia on Saturday, three days after she set off her emergency beacons.

"Everyone on board has been really friendly," she wrote. "They have come a long way out of their way to help me and I am so thankful that they did."

Sunderland's boat, Wild Eyes, was disabled when a wave smashed down its mast and knocked out her satellite communications.

She set out from Marina del Rey on the Los Angeles County coast on Jan. 23, trying to become the youngest person to circumnavigate the globe solo and nonstop.

Soon after starting her trip, Sunderland ran into equipment problems and had to stop for repairs. She gave up the goal of setting the record in April, but hoped to complete the journey.

Zac Sunderland, her brother, held the record briefly last year until Briton Mike Perham completed his own journey. The record changed hands last month when 16-year-old Australian Jessica Watson completed her own around-the-world voyage.

Sunderland had been keeping in contact with her parents and support team by satellite phone during the voyage. Early Thursday she reported her yacht was being tossed by 30-foot (9-meter) waves - as tall as a 3-story building. An hour after her last call ended Thursday, her emergency beacons began signaling.

Rescuers in a chartered jet flew from Australia's west coast and spotted Sunderland's boat on Thursday. She was able to radio to the plane to say she was in good health and had plenty of food supplies.

Sunderland spoke with her parents for about 20 minutes after her rescue Saturday

"She sounded tired, a little bit small in her voice, but she was able to make jokes and she was looking forward to getting some sleep," her mother, Marianne Sunderland, told reporters outside the family home northwest of Los Angeles.

Sunderland will leave the French fishing boat in about two days to board a maritime patrol boat that will take her to Reunion Island, according to a statement from the office of the French Indian Ocean island's top official. The transfer will take place off the Kerguelen Islands, with the exact timing depending on weather and ocean conditions.

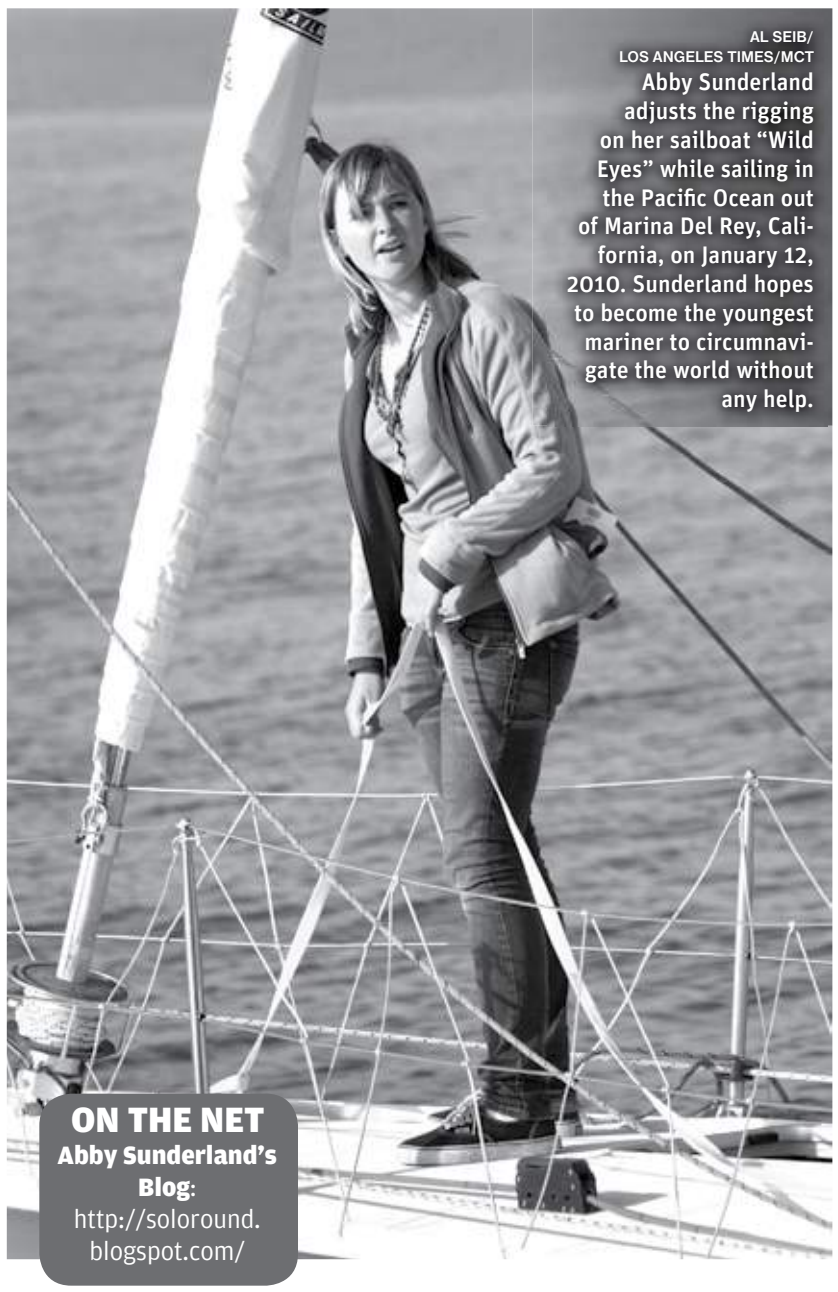
Authorities said Sunderland likely would not arrive in Reunion for at least a week.

Marianne Sunderland said her daughter was relieved to be off her boat, but it was difficult to abandon it.

"When you're on a boat like Abby has been and so closely related to that boat for your everyday existence you become very close to it," she said. "She had to leave Wild Eyes in the middle of the ocean and that's been hard for her."

Sunderland also said on her blog Sunday that she has started writing about her adventures, possibly for a book.

"I started to think about all the good times Wild Eyes and I have had together," she wrote. "All that's left of the voyage of Wild Eyes are my memories, eventually they will get fuzzy and I won't remember all the details. I don't want that to happen."

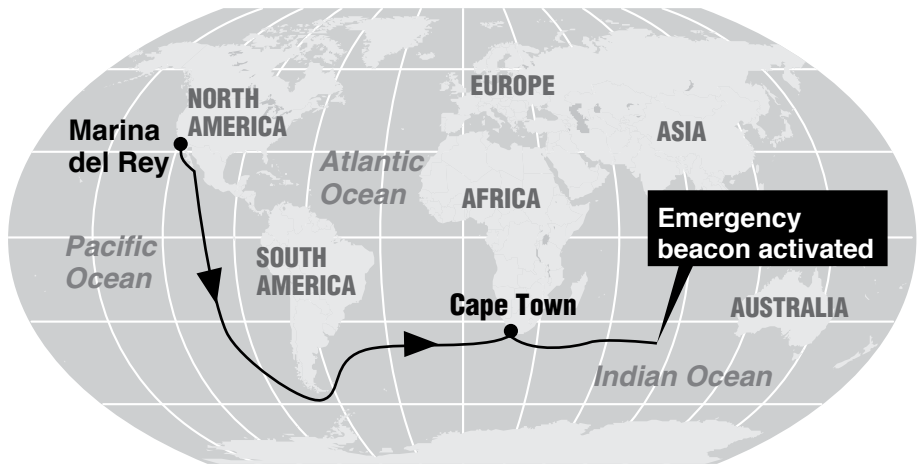


AL SEIB/ LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT
Abby Sunderland adjusts the rigging on her sailboat "Wild Eyes" while sailing in the Pacific Ocean out of Marina Del Rey, California, on January 12, 2010. Sunderland hopes to become the youngest mariner to circumnavigate the world without any help.

ON THE NET
Abby Sunderland's Blog:
http://soloround.blogspot.com/

Found at sea

Teenage sailor Abby Sunderland, who left Marina del Rey in January and stopped in Cape Town, South Africa, was found after losing satellite phone contact.



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Abby Sunderland's case raises issue of whether parents should have let her go

By CATHERINE SAILLANT, RICH CONNELL, JESSICA GARRISON
LOS ANGELES TIMES

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif.—To the legions of critics online and on cable television who have questioned allowing their 16-year-old daughter to sail solo around the world, Laurence and Marianne Sunderland offered no apologies on Friday.

"If people are looking at age, they're looking at the wrong thing here," Laurence Sunderland told reporters Friday outside the family's Thousand Oaks home as a rescue ship headed to where Abby Sunderland had been spotted the night before, adrift in her damaged boat in the southern Indian Ocean.

"Age is not a criteria. Abby is a fine sailor," he added. "I've never advocated this for 16-year-olds. I've advocated this for experienced sailors."

In an era when social scientists worry about "helicopter parents" hovering over their offspring, shielding them from dangers real and invented, the saga of the globe-circling, teenage solo sailor presents a dramatic counterpoint.

From the moment the teen-age skipper was reported missing Thursday morning, debate over her parents' decision to permit the risky adventure has boiled on blogs and among child-rearing experts. Some have suggested the couple engaged in child endangerment and, at a minimum, should be financially liable for all search and rescue costs.

The Sunderlands, however, say their critics simply do not know Abby, her upbringing and experience or her family. Children, Laurence Sunderland argues, should be encouraged to confront and manage challenges.

"Let's face it. Life is dangerous," Laurence Sunderland said on "Good Morning America." "How many teenagers are killed in car accidents? ... Should we stop every teenager from driving a car?"

Some who have observed the family see a mix of factors at work.

The family livelihood is centered on boat. Laurence Sunderland works as shipwright, maintaining, delivering and repairing boats at Marina del Rey. And the children's lives revolve, at least partly, around sailing. Abby has noted that she's been on boats since she was two months old.

"It kind of just happens," she told a Los Angeles Times videographer before her departure in January. "You live on boats. You know how to sail."

A solo sailing circumnavigation that would be unimaginable for most families, is "kind of a fit for our family," she said. Her brother, Zac, already had sailed around the world alone at 17, she noted.

The family also draws confidence from a regime of meticulous preparation and a certain fearlessness from an intense born-again Christian faith.

"We don't make any decisions just based on a feeling, or even on sound knowledge," Laurence Sunderland told the Times in the same video. "We also pray about it. The conviction of prayer and answer to prayer has led to where we are with Abigail's campaign."

Those who criticize the Sunderlands said they simply can't fathom letting a minor child voyage alone for months in hostile seas and worry about the emotional damage of such isolation.

"I have a daughter who is 36, and if she wanted to do it, I'd tie her down," said Frances Rothschild, a California Appeals Court judge.

Margaret Stuber, professor of child and adolescent psychiatry at the University of California, Los Angeles Medical School, said that "as a mother, I would be terrified" of letting her children attempt such a trip. Such a challenge would be inappropriate for most 16-year-olds, she said. But Sunderland grew up with boats and has a unique skill set, she said.

From a developmental perspective, 16-year-olds have the reflexes and intellectual skills for the tasks involved, Stuber said. What is often slower to come is their ability to control their impulses, she said.

"I guess you have to make a judgment about what is reasonable, and what someone's skill level is," she said. "When my 16-year-old first got on the 405 and it was raining, I was terrified."

On the web Friday, the parents had their detractors and supporters.

"What is wrong with these parents?? She is 16, a child," read one typical post on the Times' website Friday.

"Good for her! Fix her boat and let her finish her trip! Good Luck!," wrote another commenter.

Some child-rearing experts said Abby's story actually highlights a deficit of self-reliant, character-building nature experiences for many teens.

"Young people who are prepared to take those kinds of adventures with all those risks are really an exception," said Cheryl Charles, president and CEO of the Children and Nature Network.

Sunderland said allowing Abby, who said she wanted to attempt the challenge since she was 13, to go was an extremely difficult decision. He and his wife agreed only after Abby proved herself with intensive training. "This wasn't an easy decision to make. It was done very carefully," he said.

A rescue vessel was expected to reach Abby's 40-foot boat with a broken mast, drifting about 2,000 miles southwest of Australia, late Friday night.

But even when she returns home, she's likely face some of the same questions..

"The culture is conflicted," said David Halle a professor of sociology at UCLA. "The culture has constructed this elaborate extended childhood that holds it is a difficult world and on the other hand, there is this other point of view which is that young people can do amazing things, and every so often it bursts out."

Overdrive

Ford Shelby GT500 improves on history

By BARRY SPYKER
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

The 2010 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 Coupe sits on display at the 2009 Chicago Auto Show in Chicago, Illinois, Wednesday, February 11, 2009. MCT

One day it's a cab-full of twenty-somethings on their way to a music festival, snapping pics with their phones and giving me an enthusiastic thumbs-up.

Then it's a guy at the gas station who comes running over from his '06 "Stanger" to check out the 2010 Ford Shelby GT500, glowing white under the lights with a pair of red Le-Mans stripes down the hood and trunk. He begged me to power down my window to say, "This car is effing hot! It is incredible! I need one!"

"Yes," I said with a smile. "You do."

But know this: The new GT500 is more than a head-turner, a vehicle that lures the infatuated. For 2010, it is improved in practically every way: on the exterior, with better fitted wheel wells and sexier rear wing, and inside with better fit and materials. And then there is the performance: fast, fun and more precise.

Despite weighing almost as much as a Crown Vic, the new Shelby GT500 feels far more svelte on the twisty roads than the last one. This thing used to be borderline clunky, trudging through the S-curves and turns. Now it feels almost nimble, light on its feet as it sprints down the road like a cheetah.

Steering is crisp and responsive, and corners will have you grinning with glee as it digs in and stays flat as a Lotus. OK, sue me for the slight exaggeration.

With a growl reminiscent of the '68 GT 500, a colleague who had left work a couple of minutes after me said the next day that he heard the beast a half-mile up the boulevard. "I knew it was you," he said. Give some kudos to a revised exhaust system featuring four-inch tips.

The GT500 surges to 60 mph in 4.3 seconds, and runs the quarter-mile in 12.4 seconds—fast enough to beat classic muscle-car foes Camaro SS and even Challenger SR8 (both are a tad over 13 seconds).

Under its vented hood sits a supercharged 5.4-liter V-8 that produces 540 horses—40 more than the previous generation thanks to a cold-air intake. Acceleration is neck-pressing and breathtaking. Torque is measured at 540 pound-feet at 4500 rpm.

Bringing it back to a quick stop is just as easy with firm, beefy Brembo brakes: 14-inch discs with four-piston aluminum calipers up front, 11.8-inch in the rear.

NUTS & BOLTS
Base price: **$46,725**
As tested: **$50,895**
(with $2,195 electronics package and $1,000 gas guzzler tax)

The sport suspension is just a little taut for daily driving, though not an impossible sacrifice to make.

With all its brute strength, this is a more refined beast this year when it comes to mileage. It is better than last year at 14 mpg city, 22 highway. Taller 5th and 6th gears are improving, especially, the highway figures.

One guy in an online auto forum said his GT500 gets "an honest 22.3 mpg" on cruise control at 65 mph. That's "better than my V-6 truck," he boasted.

Still, with a 16-gallon tank, my 70-mile round-trip commute had me back at the gas station by the fourth day.

One of the surprising and enjoyable features of the new Shelby GT500 is its small-box shifter, reminding one of Formula race cars—or at least the little Mazda Miata. It's an easy and fun wrist-action throw through the gears, enhanced by the classic white cube-ball shifter. Sixth gear, however, seemed a little off-line, and I had to feel my way there once in a while.

Its forgiving, dual-disc clutch lets you feel familiar with it from Day 1.

Inside there is heavenly improvement over the previous generation. Overall fit and finish is better, and there are nice touches like faux suede on the steering wheel, shifter boot and e-brake sleeve.

Available two-tone leather seats—red stripes on the tester complemented the red stripes on the exterior—were very comfortable, with bolsters that hugged just enough.

Electronics are fine with use of cell phones and iPods via voice commands. But classic touches abound, too, like metallic panels on the dash, reminiscent of 1968, and twist knobs for the headlights and audio volume and tuning. Ambient lighting adds a nice glow to the inside package.

Another classic touch: no legroom in the back seat. Hey, why change now after all these years? Anyone over age 7, you've been warned.

But cargo space is decent, listed as 13.4 cubic feet and large enough for the golf clubs or groceries. (The back seat's fine for any extra groceries without legs). Rear seats also split and fold down for more stowage.

One thing I always preach about the Mustang is that it is among the best values on the road for a muscular sport machine with classic bloodlines. The tester ran around $50,000, but even that is a tremendous value when you consider the power and performance you get. There are makers charging six figures for these kind of numbers, even $200,000.

Shelby fanatics may have their eyes on the new GT350, due out any day. That sports a new supercharged 5.0-liter engine (Carroll Shelby didn't want anything to do with the old 4.7), new hood and more horses. But it only comes in white with blue stripes and it will set you back another 13 grand or so.

After a few hours driving the GT500, my wife said, "It's a pretty stiff ride but, if you wanna relive the past, it does the job."

That's one way of looking at it. If I may steal a quote from one GT500 lover: "Midlife crisis—bring it on!"

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

Victoria Itibus Kapileo

*Lovingly known as "**Nangko**"*

14 JUNE 1942 – 08 JUNE 2010

Pre-deceased by:
Husband: *Kikou B. Ketebengang*
Father: *Francisco "Imaal" P. Kapileo*
Mother: *Agatha "Leighamal" Itibus Kapileo*
Brothers: *Pedro (M-BOAT) Kapileo*
Saturnino (LINGKO) Kapileo

Survived by Children & Grandchildren:
Bonifacio Jesus Kapileo
Oscar Anthony Kapileo *and Shirley Duenas:Rachel, Sara Lynn, Kurt Kyle, Vivica Jewels*
Carlos K. Ketebengang *(Terry Ann Fitial)*
Ulysses K. Ketebengang
Laurie Ann K. Ketebengang *(John West Teregeyo): Agatha Thomasa, JoAnn, Tori, Zoe*
Dolores K. Ketebengang *(Domingo Salavaria Jr.)*
Agatha K. Ketebengang *(Frankie Limes): Kaydence*

Brothers & In-laws:
Catalina I. Kapileo & children
Ines I. Kapileo & children
Simon *& Tina P. Kapileo & children*
Ramon *& Josepha Kapileo & children*

Sisters & In-laws;
Concepcion *& Edward Atalig & children*
Carmen F. Rebuenog

And survived by numerous nieces, nephews & Godchildren.

Her remains will be escorted from the CHC Chapel to her residence in Tuturam, San Vicente at 7:30am, Wednesday, June 16th. Responso Service will be held at 2:00pm followed by Mass of Christian burial at the Cathedral at 3:00pm. Nightly rosary is being said at 7:30pm at their residence in Tuturam.

Investigate link between stall, A/C failure

By PAUL BRAND
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: The air conditioning has stopped working on my 1997 Grand Caravan. The van stalled and would not start for about 10 minutes. After that, the A/C would not work. Is there an easy way to tell whether the A/C clutch failed, or the compressor? I think the car stalled because the A/C seized up.

ANSWER: Open the hood and look at the air conditioning compressor. Make sure the serpentine belt is intact, properly tensioned and not damaged. With the car's ventilation controls set to "off," start the engine and look at the clutch/pulley assembly on the front of the compressor. The clutch should not be engaged—the outer pulley driven by the belt should be turning, but the inner hub should not. If both are turning, the clutch is seized.

Now, turn on the air conditioning and look again. Both the outer pulley and the inner hub should be turning, indicating the clutch is engaged and driving the compressor. If the compressor is seized, the entire clutch assembly will be stationary and the belt will be slipping, squealing, smoking and, in a very short period of time, failing. Because of the need to recharge the system to replace the compressor, leave service to the pros.

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Q: I recently bought a 2010 2.0-liter VW Passat. Their scheduled free maintenance for three years or 36,000 miles calls for oil changes at 10,000-mile intervals with synthetic oil. Am I asking for major expenses down the road by following their maintenance program?

A: I doubt it, but why not change the oil every 5,000 miles on your own nickel? It's cheap insurance.

Paul Brand, author of "How to Repair Your Car," is an automotive troubleshooter, driving instructor and former race-car driver.

Life & Style

‘Red’ and ‘Memphis’ dominate Tonys

NEW YORK (AP)—Two socially conscious, but radically different stories set in mid-20th century America, the exuberant rhythm ‘n’ blues musical “Memphis” and anguished two-man drama “Red,” were big winners Sunday at the 2010 Tony Awards.

Michael Grandage of “Red” won for best director of a play. Eddie Redmayne of “Red” won featured performance by an actor in a play as the increasingly disillusioned assistant to Mark Rothko, as the abstract expressionist agonizes over whether to accept a lucrative commission for the Four Seasons restaurant.

“This is the stuff dreams are made of. Wow,” Redmayne said, clutching his prize.

“Red,” starring Alfred Molina as Rothko, was also awarded a Tony for best lighting design of a play, best sound design and best scenic design.

Best direction for a musical went to first-time nominee Terry Johnson of “La Cage Aux Folles.” Scarlett Johansson won for best featured performance as an actress in a play for her Broadway debut, the object of her uncle’s lust in Arthur Miller’s “A View From a Bridge.”

“Every since I was a little girl I wanted to be on Broadway and here I am,” said Johansson, the voluptuous Hollywood star best known for such films as “Matchpoint” and “Lost in Translation.”

“Memphis,” a tale of segregation and integration in the American South, was cited for best orchestration, original score and best book of a musical, twice beating out “Fela!,” which won for best costume design of a musical and best sound design of a musical.

“Fela!” and “La Cage aux Folles” were the dominant nominees at Sunday’s star-laden Tonys.

“Fela!”—the innovative Afrobeat biography of Nigerian superstar Fela Anikulapo-Kuti—and “La Cage aux Folles”—a revival of the classic Jerry Herman-Harvey Fierstein musical farce—had 11 nominations.

They were followed by the revival of August Wilson’s “Fences,” with 10 nominations and “Memphis,” with eight.

The ceremony, from Radio City Music Hall and telecast on CBS, was hosted by Sean Hayes. He was up for leading actor in a musical for his portrayal of Chuck Baxter, the insecure company man who lends out his bachelor apartment for extramarital, romantic dalliances by its executives, in a revival of “Promises, Promises,” inspired by Billy Wilder’s Academy Award-winning “The Apartment.”

WINNERS’ LIST

List of winners for the 2010 American Theatre Wing’s Tony Awards, announced Sunday.

- **BEST PERFORMANCE BY A FEATURED ACTRESS IN A PLAY**: Scarlett Johansson, "A View From the Bridge."
- **BEST PERFORMANCE BY A FEATURED ACTOR IN A PLAY**: Eddie Redmayne, "Red."
- **BEST DIRECTION OF A PLAY:** Michael Grandage, "Red."
- **BEST DIRECTION OF A MUSICAL**: Terry Johnson, "La Cage aux Folles."
- **BEST PERFORMANCE BY A FEATURED ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL**: Katie Finneran, "Promises, Promises."
- **BEST PERFORMANCE BY A FEATURED ACTOR IN A MUSICAL**: Levi Kreis, "Million Dollar Quartet."
- **BEST PERFORMANCE BY A LEADING ACTRESS IN A PLAY**: Viola Davis, "Fences."
- **BEST PERFORMANCE BY A LEADING ACTOR IN A PLAY:** Denzel Washington, "Fences."
- **BEST REVIVAL OF A MUSICAL**: "La Cage aux Folles."
- **BEST PERFORMANCE BY A LEADING ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL**: Catherine Zeta-Jones, "A Little Night Music."
- **BEST PERFORMANCE BY A LEADING ACTOR IN A MUSICAL**: Douglas Hodge, "La Cage aux Folles."
- **BEST MUSICAL**: "Memphis."
- **BEST CHOREOGRAPHY**: Bill T. Jones, "Fela!"
- **BEST REVIVAL OF A PLAY**: "Fences."
- **BEST PLAY**: "Red."
- **BEST BOOK OF A MUSICAL**: "Memphis."
- **BEST ORIGINAL SCORE (MUSIC AND/OR LYRICS) WRITTEN FOR THE THEATER**: "Memphis"
- **BEST ORCHESTRATIONS**: Daryl Waters and David Bryan, "Memphis."
- **BEST SCENIC DESIGN OF A PLAY**: Christopher Oram, "Red."
- **BEST SCENIC DESIGN OF A MUSICAL**: Christine Jones, "American Idiot."
- **BEST COSTUME DESIGN OF A PLAY**: Catherine Zuber, "The Royal Family."
- **BEST COSTUME DESIGN OF A MUSICAL**: Marina Draghici, "Fela!"
- **BEST LIGHTING DESIGN OF A PLAY**: Neil Austin, "Red."
- **BEST LIGHTING DESIGN OF A MUSICAL**: Kevin Adams, "American Idiot."
- **BEST SOUND DESIGN OF A PLAY**: Adam Cork, "Red."
- **BEST SOUND DESIGN OF A MUSICAL**: Robert Kaplowitz, "Fela!"
- **SPECIAL TONY AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN THE THEATER**: Alan Ayckbourn and Marian Seldes.
- **REGIONAL THEATER TONY AWARD**: The Eugene O'Neill Theater Center, Waterford, Conn.
- **ISABELLE STEVENSON AWARD**: David Hyde Pierce.
- **TONY HONORS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE THEATER**: B.H. Barry and Tim Viola.

“I have actually managed to combine a good chance of losing with a good chance of bombing,” he joked during his opening monologue, which was widely applauded.

One of Hayes’ co-stars, scene-stealing Katie Finneran, won for best featured actress in a musical. Best featured actor in a musical went to Levi Kreis as rock ‘n’ roll wild man Jerry Lee Lewis in “Million Dollar Quartet.”

Historically, Tony-nominated hosts have fared well. Hugh Jackman won a trophy in 2004 for his portrayal of Peter Allen in “The Boy From Oz.” Nathan Lane won twice while at the helm: in 1996, when he won lead actor in a musical for “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum”; and in 2001, when he shared duties with Matthew Broderick and won a Tony for “The Producers.”

Hayes began with a playful piano medley circling around “Give My Regards to Broadway,” then stepped up the beat and segued into a stomping “Blue Suede Shoes,” as performed by cast members from “Million Dollar Quartet.” Segments from “Promises, Promises,” “Come Fly With Me” and others followed, capped and stolen by a shouting medley from Green Day.

Musical performances from “La Cage aux Folles” with Kelsey Grammer and “A Little Night Music” with Catherine Zeta-Jones are on the bill.

The telecast will also feature a special presentation of Tony-nominated plays and play revivals with appearances by Denzel Washington and Viola Davis from “Fences,” Anthony LaPaglia and Tony Shalhoub from “Lend Me a Tenor,” Liev Schrieber and Johansson from “A View from the Bridge,” and more.

Also on hand: “Glee” cast members Lea Michele and Matthew Morrison; Katie Holmes and Daniel Radcliffe; Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith.

Five-time Tony winner Angela Lansbury, a nominee Sunday, was named the first-ever honorary chairman of the American Theatre Wing. Special Tony Awards for lifetime achievement will be given to playwright Alan Ayckbourn (“The Norman Conquests,” a trilogy that won the play-revival Tony last year), and actress Marian Seldes (“A Delicate Balance,” “Equus,” “Deathtrap,” “Three Tall Women”).

Seldes accepted her honor wordlessly, waving at the audience and leaving the stage.

The Eugene O’Neill Theater Center in Waterford, Conn., will receive the regional theater award.

Tony Award winners from left, Denzel Washington, Best Performance by a Leading Actor in a Play for “Fences”, Viola Davis, Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Play for “Fences”, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical for “A Little Night Musical” and Douglas Hodge, Best Performance by a Leading Actor in a Musical for “La Cage aux Folles” are photographed in New York, Sunday, June 13, 2010. AP

1ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Rosario Mendiola Cabrera Attao

“Nan Ari”

September 30, 1924 – June 24, 2009

We, the family of the late Rosario Mendiola Cabrera Attao, would like to invite all our relatives, friends and acquaintances to join us in prayers as we commemorate the first death anniversary of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Daily mass will be offered as follows:

Wednesday - Saturday, June 16-19: 6:00AM at Mt. Carmel Cathedral
Sunday, June 20: 7:00AM at San Antonio Church
Monday - Wednesday, June 21-23: 6:00AM at Mt. Carmel Cathedral

On the final day, Thursday, June 24, mass will be offered at 6:00PM at San Antonio Church. Dinner will be served immediately after at the Family Residence in Chalan Piao.

We thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Un dangkulu na si Yu’us ma’ase ginen i familian ma’mi.

Vicente C. & Elizabeth A. Attao and Family
Celina A. & Aldebert Concepcion, Sr. and Family
Maria Ramona (Marlene) A. & Ricardo P. Balajadia, Sr. and Family

'Karate Kid' opens at No. 1 with $56 million kick

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"The Karate Kid" has won a 1980s showdown at the box office against "The A-Team."

Sony's remake of 1984's "The Karate Kid" debuted at No. 1 for the weekend with a whopping $56 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. The big-screen adaptation of the 1980s TV series "The A-Team" came in at less than half that, the 20th Century Fox release opening in second place with $26 million.

After three weekends at No. 1, DreamWorks Animation's "Shrek Forever After" slipped to No. 3 with $15.8 million. The animated hit raised its domestic haul to $210.1 million, becoming the fourth movie released this year to top $200 million.

With a relatively modest production budget of $40 million, "The Karate Kid" far exceeded the studio's expectations. Early on, Sony executives would have been happy if the movie opened to half its $56 million debut weekend, said Rory Bruer, the studio's head of distribution.

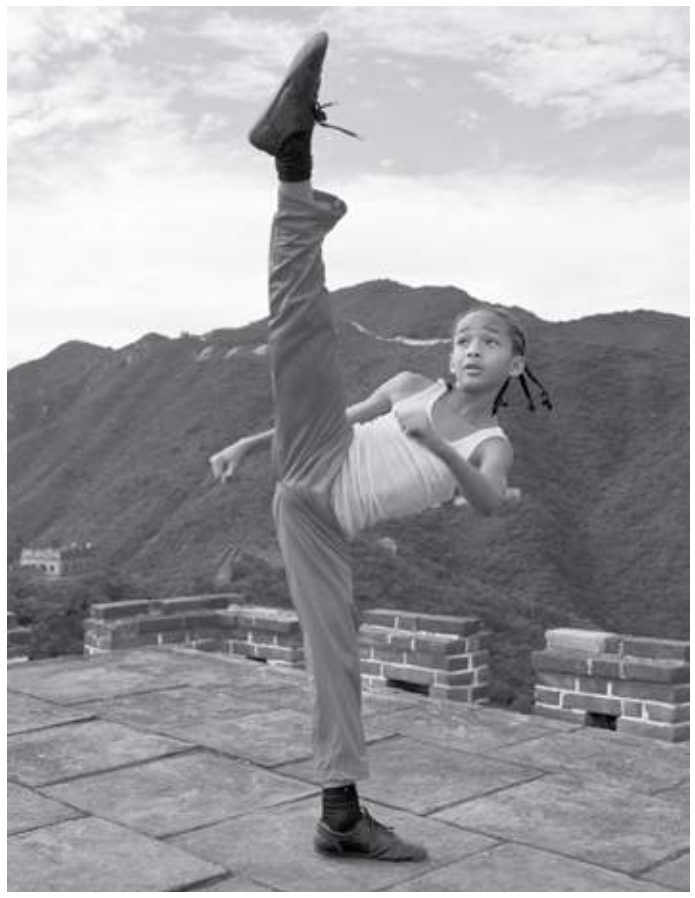
Those expectations began to rise once the studio realized it had a crowd-pleaser on its hands, Bruer said.

"It's just an unmitigated grand slam hit," said Bruer, who also worked on distribution for the 1984 version. "I loved the original 'Karate Kid,' but they took this beloved title, and they made it relevant, fresh and absolutely exciting."

1. "**The Karate Kid**," $56 million.
2. "**The A-Team**," $26 million.
3. "**Shrek Forever After**," $15.8 million.
4. "**Get Him to the Greek**," $10.1 million.
5. "**Killers**," $8.2 million.
6. "**Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time**," $6.6 million.
7. "**Marmaduke**," $6 million.
8. "**Sex and the City 2**," $5.5 million.
9. "**Iron Man 2**," $4.6 million.
10. "**Splice**," $2.9 million.

Hollywood looks to build on its momentum next weekend as Pixar Animation goes back to its roots with "Toy Story 3," the latest sequel to the 1995 hit that was the first feature-length computer-animated film.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Final figures will be released Monday.



In this publicity image released by Columbia Pictures, Jaden Smith as "Dre" is shown in "The Karate Kid."

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Sunday	1:00	4:00	7:15	
Mon thru Thurs		4:00	7:15	

Jackie Chan, Jaden Smith
Drama • Rated PG

The A-Team

Friday		4:25	7:10	9:35
Saturday	1:25	4:25	7:10	9:35
Sunday	1:25	4:25	7:25	
Mon thru Thurs		4:25	7:25	

Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper
Action • Rated PG 13

Marmaduke

Friday		4:30	7:25	
Saturday	1:10	4:30	7:25	
Sunday	1:10	4:30		
Mon thru Thurs		4:30		

Owen Wilson, George Lopez
Children's, Family • Rated PG

Synopsis

Canine comic strip star Marmaduke leaps to the big screen with this family-friendly comedy starring Owen Wilson as the voice of the Great Dane. Also lending their voices to the 20th Century Fox production are Steve Coogan, pop star Fergie, George Lopez, and the brotherly duo of Damon and Marlon Wayans, with William H. Macy and Judy Greer heading up the human cast.

Killers

Friday		4:05	7:20	9:45
Saturday	1:30	4:05	7:20	9:45
Sunday	1:30	4:05	7:20	
Mon thru Thurs		4:05	7:20	

Ashton Kutcher, Katherine Heigl
Thriller • Rated PG

Splice

Friday		4:15	7:15	
Saturday	1:20	4:15	7:15	
Sunday	1:20	4:15		
Mon thru Thurs		4:15		

Adrien Brody, Sarah Poley
Science, Fiction • Rated R

The Prince of Persia

Friday		4:20	7:05	9:40
Saturday	1:05	4:20	7:05	9:40
Sunday	1:05	4:20	7:05	
Mon thru Thurs		4:20	7:05	

Jake Gyllenhaal, Gemma Arterton
Adventure • Rated PG 13

Get Him To The Greek

Friday				9:55
Saturday				9:55
Sunday			7:10	
Mon thru Thurs			7:10	

Jonah Hill, Russell Brand
Comedy, Fantasy • Rated R

Sex And The City 2

Friday				10:00
Saturday				10:00
Sunday			7:00	
Mon thru Thurs			7:00	

Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall
Comedy • Rated PG

Shrek: The Final Chapter

Friday		4:10	7:30	9:30
Saturday	1:15	4:10	7:30	9:30
Sunday	1:15	4:10	7:30	
Mon thru Thurs		4:10	7:30	

Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz
Comedy, Fantasy • Rated PG

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Swift, other stars give the fans what they want

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—When 15-year-old Aleeshya Broome scored the wristband she needed to meet Taylor Swift during the singer's 13-hour fan party and autograph session, her reaction was immediate.

"I started crying instantly," Broome said. "And when we got called down here I started crying instantly because it's way too overwhelming."

Broome was one of thousands who got the kind of access to country music's biggest stars over the weekend that fans usually only dream about.

Swift wasn't the only star pressing the flesh before and during the four-day CMA Music Festival, which draws fans from around the world.

Tim McGraw, signing for the first time since 2000, gave out 3,000 autographs in two hours. The Zac Brown Band put out food created by Chef Rusty Hamlin, the Smyrna, Ga., restaurateur who feeds the band and fans at every tour stop.

Martina McBride had lunch with party attendees and let them make their own CDs at Blackbird Studios. Carrie Underwood played a game where she sang snatches of lyrics and challenged fans to finish up. And Rascal Flatts made the day of several hundred fans with its first signing since 2002 and a two-song performance.

AP

Kirsten Foley, right, and Rachel Wood from Illinois get their picture taken with Taylor Swift before she performs during the CMA Music Festival Sunday, June 13, 2010 during her 13 hour autograph signing marathon at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn. The two camped out since Friday to meet her.

The band's usually on tour during CMA Fest, but with this year's summer travel a few weeks off, the trio decided to celebrate its 10 year anniversary with the fans.

"I think it's always great to get face to face with the people you directly affect," Rascal Flatts bassist Jay DeMarcus said. "It means as much to us as it does to them because we love to hear their stories and their experiences and about how long they've waited and the last time we saw them and the next time we're going to see them, so it's all great,"

Brad Paisley arrived by boat to his party at the Nashville Shores water park and sang some old favorites to a crowd that knew all the words. It was a multigenerational gathering and kids played on an inflatable slide. One young boy bobbed on his father's shoulders near the front of the stage.

Paisley said his wife, actress Kimberly Williams-Paisley, was shocked when she first saw the kind of access her husband, one of country's top stars, gives fans. You won't find that kind of interaction in places like Los Angeles or New York where celebrities try to create a wall between themselves and fans. And neither rock 'n' roll nor hip-hop's biggest stars are doing anything like this, either. But that's the way it's always been in country.

"It was important to guys like Ernest (Tubb) and Roy Acuff and these early guys on the Opry," Paisley said. "The saying I think was, 'Keep it close to the ground, boys,' which meant make it relatable, make it real life. This is what our format is and so we do this really well."

Swift's fan gathering was the biggest by far. Held at the Bridgestone Arena, there were activities for fans, pieces of her Fearless Tour set on display and a free four-song acoustic concert that was attended by several thousand.

Fans made signs expressing their love for Swift. One group of girls held up a banner that read, "Taylor Swift is our hero!" as they made circuit after circuit of the arena's concourse while chanting "Taylor Swift! Taylor Swift!"

There were makeovers, the chance to peek inside Swift's t-party room and so many hugs. Swift wouldn't break the endurance record at CMA Fest—that's held by Garth Brook's, who once signed for an entire day—but she had to be approaching the hug record.

Everybody got at least one. Broome walked away with three.

Swift said in an interview between autographs that when she was growing up, she often daydreamed that if she ever became a star she would do her best to give everyone autographs. She charted Sunday's progress by marking the hours on her arm and wasn't flagging one bit after scrawling a "7" near her elbow.

Celeb sex-tape scandal hits taboos in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesians grappled with their first-ever celebrity sex-tape scandal, casting aside social taboos as they swarmed around office computers and mobile phones to watch clips allegedly showing a much-loved pop star with two girlfriends.

The story topped newscasts for a week and dominated chatter on social-networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter. But just as controversial was the reaction of officials in the newly democratic nation.

Police initially threatened to charge the "stars" under a strict anti-pornography law.

Several high schools were raided for mobile phones so the offending clips could be removed. And some ministers said the incident pointed, once again, to moral decay and the need for stricter controls of the Internet.

Indonesia, a secular nation with more Muslims than any other in the world, emerged from 32 years of dictatorship in 1998. It won praise for tackling the tough tasks of fighting corruption and terrorism and implementing widely lauded social and economic reforms.

But it still faces challenges on the road to democratization, from the explosion of grass-roots campaigning on the Web to old-style politicians, who speak to small constituencies or narrow-based parties rather than the central government, said sociologist Wimar Witoelar.

For some, the initial instinct still is to clamp down.

When the scandal spurred debate as to whether education about sex—a subject still taboo at home and in the classroom—should be added to the school curriculum, Minister of Education Muhammad Nuh responded with a flat out "no."

AP

In his July 14, 2009 photo, pop singer Nazril Irham, better known as Ariel, left, and his girlfriend top model and actress Luna Maya, right, are mobbed by reporters in Jakarta, Indonesia.

"I may be obsolete, but I don't see that sex education in schools is needed," he told reporters. "I believe people will learn about sex naturally."

Instead, he recommended authorities search students' mobile phones for copies of the tapes, the rapid dissemination of which "violates the rules and cultural norms in a religious society."

"Whoever is responsible should be punished," Nuh said.

The first six-minute video clip appears to show pop singer Nazril Irham, better known as Ariel, in bed with his girlfriend Luna Maya, a top model, actress and, up until the scandal, the face of Lux beauty soap.

The two deny it was them, saying the footage has been doctored, but were called in for questioning by police.

Initially officers threatened to charge them under a tough anti-pornography law, even though there was no indication the intimate but explicit sex scenes were ever intended for public viewing.

"If someone is proven to have intentionally distributed the videos, that person will be charged," said Brig. Gen. Zainuri Lubis, spokesman for the national police, adding even those caught downloading clips and copying it for others could face jail time.

Local media said the video started appearing in early June after Ariel's laptop was stolen and many similar tapes, with other celebrities, are still out there.

Then a second eight-minute video emerged, purportedly showing Ariel with a former girlfriend, also a well-liked model and television presenter, further fanning public appetite for more.

As the tapes were downloaded onto Facebook and YouTube (they have since been removed by the sites' administrator) and distributed from mobile phone to mobile phone, the country tottered on the verge of sexual hysteria.

Fifteen-year-old Bintang Irvano, a student at a high school in south Jakarta, huddled around a mobile phone with his two friends to look at the video "for about the fourth time."

He said after teachers started launching daily raids, teens started removing the footage from their phones ahead of class only to later upload it.

"It's easy to get it back again," said Raikhan Daffa, 16. "We just pass it to one another by Bluetooth."

"Hey, it's one way to learn about sex!" he said, laughing.

Work grinded to a halt at some offices last week, as employees discussed the scandal on Facebook or forwarded a steady string of jokes, the punch lines all tied to the scandal.

SHOWIZ TIDBITS

Sweden: Princess Madeleine to attend royal wedding

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Sweden's Royal Court says Princess Madeleine, who left Sweden after breaking off her engagement with lawyer Jonas Bergstrom in April, is returning to her homeland to attend her older sister's wedding. In a statement Saturday, the court says Madeleine "is delighted" to attend Crown Princess Victoria's wedding on June 19. She also thanked the Swedish people "for all their support." The court didn't say where she was returning from, but media reports suggest she's been in the United States. The break up was announced April 24 amid reports that Bergstrom had been unfaithful. The court has not commented on the reports. Madeleine, 28, is third in line to the Swedish throne, after Victoria and her brother Prince Carl Philip. Her father is King Carl XVI Gustaf.

Singer, sausage businessman Jimmy Dean dies at 81

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Jimmy Dean, a country music legend for his smash hit about a workingman hero, "Big Bad John," and an entrepreneur known for his sausage brand, has died. He was 81. His wife, Donna Meade Dean, says her husband died at 7:54 p.m. Sunday at their Henrico County, Va., home, south of Richmond. She tells The Associated Press that he had some health problems but was still functioning well, so his death came as a shock. Born in 1928, Dean was raised in poverty in Plainview, Texas, and dropped out of high school after the ninth grade. But he went on to a successful entertainment career in the '50s and '60s. In 1969, Dean went into the sausage business, starting the Jimmy Dean Meat Co. He sold the company to Sara Lee Corp. in 1984.

Strong ratings for Cup, even with vuvuzelas

NEW YORK (AP)—The World Cup is causing quite a buzz on U.S. television.

Nielsen Co. estimates indicate the quadrennial soccer tournament is off to a fast start with viewers, even with the odd, horn-blowing soundtrack that ESPN has sought to minimize on its broadcasts. Saturday's first-round tie by the U.S. and English teams was seen by an estimated 13 million on ESPN. That made it the most-watched telecast involving the U.S. men's team since 1994. The first-round contests introduced most of the world to the vuvuzela, a plastic trumpet carried into the matches and blown on incessantly by thousands of fans. On television, it sounds as if the game is being played before a nest of angry bees. ESPN spokesman Bill Hofheimer says the network is altering the sound mix on its broadcasts to minimize the crowd noise.

Radcliffe sad as filming wraps on last 'Potter'

AP

Daniel Radcliffe arrives at the 61st Annual Tony Awards in New York, Sunday, June 13, 2010.

NEW YORK (AP)—Daniel Radcliffe wore his "Harry Potter" attire for the last time this week as shooting wrapped on the final installment of the series.

"Everyone was really devastated. It was really, really sad," Radcliffe said Sunday. "We're crying quite a lot."

He talked about Potter as he arrived at Radio City Music Hall for the 64th Annual Tony Awards, where he and Katie Holmes presented the best featured actress in a play award to Scarlett Johansson.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" will be released in two parts with the first installment coming out later this year, and the finale next summer.

When asked how it felt to end his role as the boy wizard, Radcliffe said, "It's a weird, weird feeling."

Radcliffe, who starred in a revival of "Equus" in 2008, returns to Broadway next spring in a revival of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

Teen plans a short life based on conversation she overheard

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm 13 and I have cancer. My mom thinks I don't know, but I do. I heard the doctor say I was better off without any meds.

I have made a choice not to fall in love, and not to tell even my closest friend that I'm only going to live to be about 25-30 years old. My friend can't understand why I am always sad and have never wanted a boyfriend. How do I tell her to stop advising me to be happy and cheer up, and to someday open my heart to love without telling her about my short life?

MADE MY CHOICE, ANYWHERE, USA

DEAR MADE YOUR CHOICE: If ever I heard about a girl who needs to have a talk with her mother, it is you. I don't know what you think you overheard the doctor telling her, but it is very possible that the "meds" he was talking about had nothing to do with cancer. I would hate to see you ruin your teen years because you jumped to a conclusion based on a misunderstanding—so please speak up NOW!

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DEAR ABBY: Today, June 15, is World Elder Abuse Day. On this day, communities all over the USA and the world will sponsor events to shed light on the growing and tragic issue of elder abuse.

Your readers, young and old, should be aware that the U.S. Administration on Aging estimates that as many as 5 million seniors are abused each year in the United States. And this is only the tip of the iceberg, since only an estimated one in five cases of abuse is ever reported to the authorities.

Elder abuse can be financial, physical, emotional or sexual, and it also includes people who are neglected. But elder abuse is preventable—public awareness and education can help people learn the warning signs. For more information on what readers can do to join the fight against elder abuse, visit www.centeronelderabuse.org.

Thank you, Abby, for all you do to help keep our seniors safe.

LAURA MOSQUEDA, M.D., GERIATRICS,
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT IRVINE

DEAR DR. MOSQUEDA: If publicizing your message and your website will help some of these vulnerable hidden victims, I am more than pleased to help.

Readers, the elderly—unlike child victims of abuse—can slip through the cracks because too often they become invisible. Either they drop out of sight, or no one suspects what is going on until it is too late. Old people have been found stashed in garages, suffering from bed sores, malnourished and lying in their own waste. If you suspect abuse, please report it so it can be investigated. All you have to do is call Adult Protective Services. Every state has an agency that provides this.

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DEAR ABBY: When I married the first time, I wore my mother's wedding gown. She and Dad had a happy marriage. They were married 47 years when Dad died.

My first husband and I divorced. We had two boys. I don't think either of my children would want the dress. In fact, I don't think ANYone would want it because the last time it was worn led to divorce.

What should I do with the dress? I only have two nephews and a step-granddaughter who is 5. I could save it for future grandchildren, but I think the divorce issue is a spoiler.

JINXED IN KENTUCKY

DEAR JINXED: Why not donate the dress to a charity? If it's in good condition, I'm sure some young woman who can't afford to buy one would love to have it. And once it's out of the family, the "jinx" would be dissipated, canceled out by your generosity.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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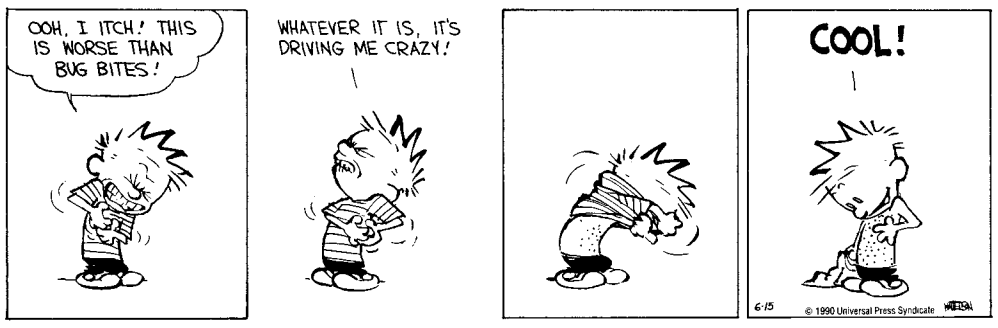
By Bill Waterson



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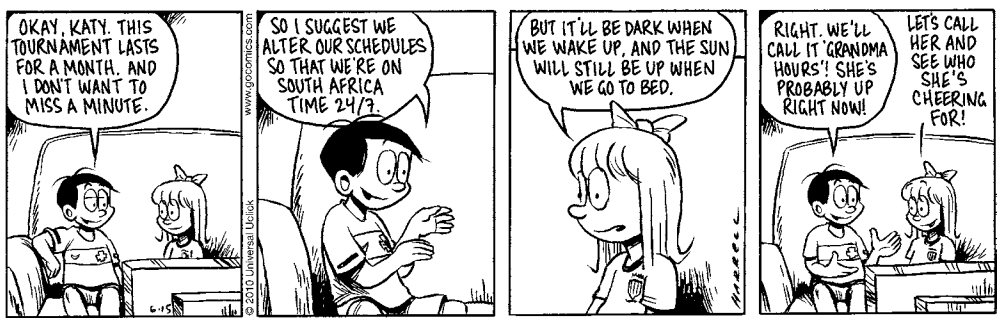
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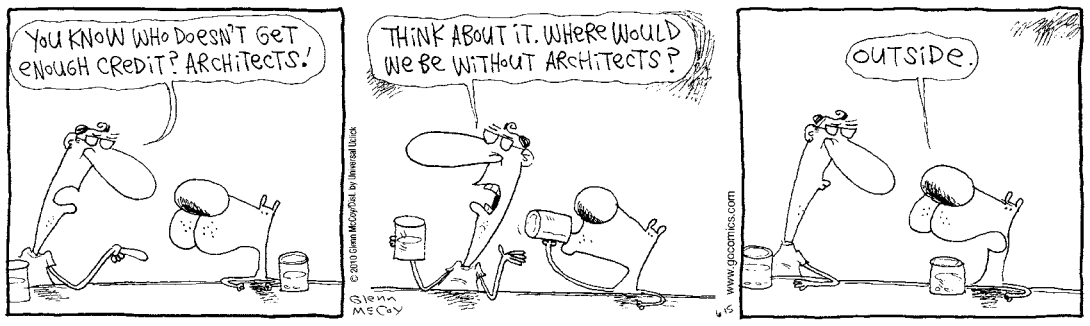
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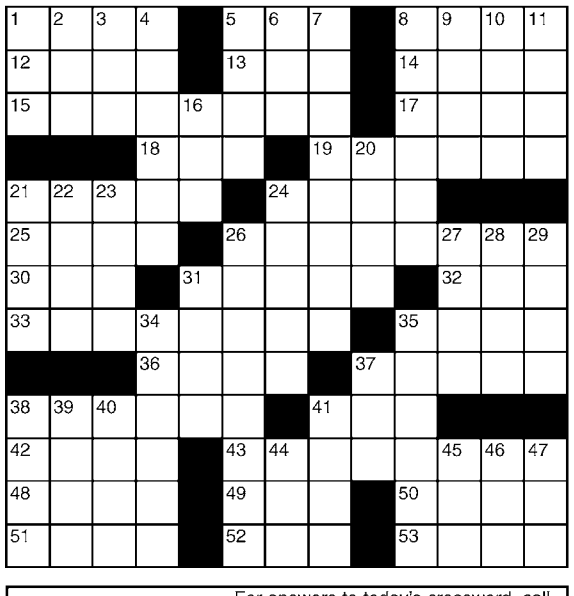

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Your do-it-now attitude and outgoing nature put you ahead of everyone you meet. Make a concerted effort to help those in need and you will gain popularity and all the support you need to reach your goals. Romance is on the rise. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Take note as to what everyone is doing before you complain, are stubborn or force your way on others. Organize your own game plan and don't interfere with what's going on around you and you will bypass interference. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): An impulsive move will be costly. Find out where you stand long-term before signing documents. Your assets will grow as long as you are patient. Volunteer or make a selfless gesture and you will make a lasting impression. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Avoid living in the past or thinking you can recapture a moment you had with someone way back when. Instead, move forward, especially when dealing with business or personal partners. Don't make a move or change for the wrong reason. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You need to move about and meet people who can motivate you to get involved in something exciting. Love is on the rise and enjoying common interests with someone special will help to build a solid union. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Take any opportunity you get to make your money grow. Don't be fooled by someone offering you half the information you need to make a decision. It's best to walk away and find out what you need to know first hand. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Take on as much as you want, but make sure you can deliver the goods you've promised. You may end up wanting to spend more pleasurable time with someone you are attracted to instead of meeting your responsibilities. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Put your emotions and energy into doing something creative. Doing a favor for someone is fine, but don't take on too much of a burden or you will feel used. Make an unusual or unexpected change at home. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): The more control you have over your financial situation, the better. Don't get angry if someone is negative regarding your plans. Move ahead alone instead of starting a partnership. Love is on the rise. ✪✪✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You'll be inclined to go overboard when it comes to relationships. An unexpected burden may catch you off-guard and be very expensive. Don't get involved in a high-risk cash scheme. ✪✪✪

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AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): As long as you keep in mind that a step in the right direction will be the beginning of a better life and future, you will reach your goal. Romance or a partnership will develop while traveling or if you get involved in a group project. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Doing things with children or friends who are young at heart will be inspiring. Listen and experiment with the information you receive. Now is not the time to debate, lecture or complain. An interesting proposition will evolve. ✪✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL, Plaintiff, vs. ALBERT U. CHARFAUROS and FRANCISCA C. CHARFAUROS, Defendants.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0481 NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Foreclosure Sale Order, dated June 10, 2010, issued by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Defendants Albert U. Charfauros and Francisca C. Charfauros' interests in Lot 001 G 151, located in Saipan, CNMI, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, on terms and conditions set forth herein below.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The Sale will be held on Monday, June 28, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Law Offices of O' Connor Berman Dotts & Banes, Second Floor, Marianas Business Plaza, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Inspection of Property. The property is described as Lot 001 G 151, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 G 04, the original of which was recorded 27 MAR 1986 as Document No. 86-511 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute the basis for any claim, adjustment, or rescission of the auction sale.

Warranties and Covenants. The property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title. Neither the undersigned nor the Plaintiff may give any warranty or covenant express or implied for the property listed for sale in this Notice. Neither the undersigned nor the Plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale in this Notice, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyers shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any remedy on account thereof.

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Celtics handle Kobe onslaught; beat Lakers

BOSTON (AP)—It's looking a lot like 2008 again, with Paul Pierce carrying the Boston Celtics to victory in the NBA finals and leading them to the brink of yet another title.

Pierce scored 27 points—his best performance of this year's finals—and the Celtics withstood 38 points from Kobe Bryant to beat the defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers 92-86 on Sunday night and take a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Game 6 is Tuesday night in Los Angeles, and a victory then or in Game 7 in L.A. on Thursday would give the Celtics a record 18th NBA title.

The Celtics have never blown a 3-2 lead in the NBA finals.

"It was our biggest game of the year," Pierce said. "We're in a good spot. We have two games in L.A.; now we have to get one."

Bryant was the MVP of the finals last year, when the Lakers beat the Orlando Magic to win their 15th championship. But Pierce earned the honor at his expense in '08, when the new Big Three beat the Lakers to raise an NBA-record 17th banner to the rafters at Boston's TD Garden.

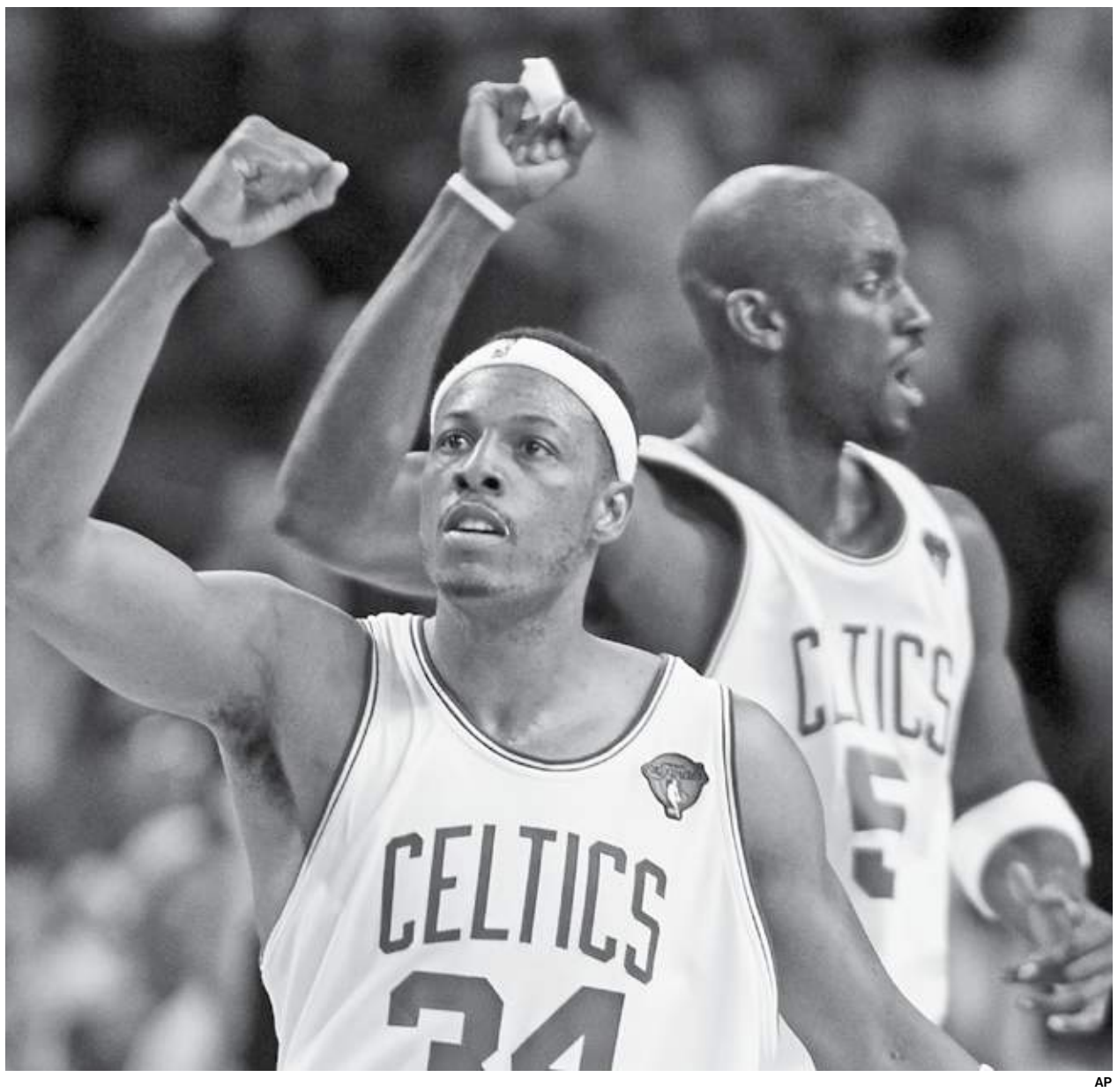
Bryant outscored Pierce this time, but the Lakers' guard got little help from his teammates. And the stretch where he was most dominant was also the time when the Celtics pulled away.

"I wasn't in a personal duel," Pierce said. "I didn't notice that we were going back-and-forth scoring at the time. He's a tough player. He makes shots."

Lakers coach Phil Jackson defended Bryant's attempts to take over the offense.

"He's the kind of guy (where) you ride the hot hand, that's for sure," Jackson said. "We were waiting for him to do that. ... He went out there and found a rhythm."

With the "Beat L.A!" chant reverberating at the Garden, Kevin Garnett scored 18 points with 10 rebounds and Rajon Rondo had 18 points, eight assists and five rebounds to help Boston become the first team in the series to win two games in a row. If Los Angeles can't do the same at home, the Celtics will improve to 10-2 against them in the finals, from a 4-0 sweep over the Minneapolis Lakers in 1959 through the Bird-and-Magic era of the '80s and Boston's win in '08.



AP

Boston Celtics forward Paul Pierce, front, and forward Kevin Garnett react during the fourth quarter in Game 5 of the NBA basketball finals against the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday, June 13, 2010, in Boston.

But Bryant said neither the rivalry nor revenge that should be motivating his teammates when they try to stave off elimination at home.

"Just man up and play. What the hell is the big deal?" he said. "If I have to say something to them, then we don't deserve to be champions. We're down 3-2: Go home, win one game, go into the next one. Simple as that."

Bryant did everything he could to send the Lakers home with the edge.

He scored 23 straight Lakers points between the 4:23 mark of the second quarter until there was 2:16 left in the third. But over that span, the Celtics expanded the lead from one point to 13.

"I just tried to keep telling them, it's only 2 points each time he scores. It's not 10," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "It's just like if someone else was scoring. ... I love that our guys for the most part, they understood what he was doing. But we defended everyone else. And I thought it was big."

And Pierce was having his best game of the series, too.

The Celtics' captain scored seven points in the last 3 1/2 minutes of the second quarter and added nine more in the first 5 minutes of the third. Ray Allen, who hasn't hit a 3-pointer since making an NBA-record eight in Game 2, made a pair of baskets that gave Boston a 71-58 lead with 3:08 left in the third.

Jackson, wearing a microphone for the TV broadcast, told his players during a late timeout, "This team loses more games in the fourth quarter than any team in the league. They know how to lose games, and they're showing us that now."

The Lakers got within six points several times, but never within five until Bryant made three free throws to make it 87-82 with 90 seconds left.

The Celtics got a break from a review when replays showed Allen's 3-pointer barely nicked the rim, giving them the ball with a fresh 24 seconds and 1:05 left. Rasheed Wallace missed a 3-pointer, but the rebound wound up tied up between the 6-foot-11 Garnett and 6-foot-1 Derek Fisher.

Fisher won the jump ball, tipping the ball ahead to Ron Artest for a breakaway; Pierce fouled him to keep him from scoring an easy layup, and he missed both free throws. Bryant grabbed the rebound, but Pierce ripped it out of his arms and dribbled off to the side to call timeout.

A desperate inbound pass went to Pierce, who fed Rondo under the basket before falling out of bounds, and Rondo made an over-the-head layup to make it 89-82 with 36 seconds left.

"I was just showing off my Randy Moss and my (Tom) Brady the whole play," Pierce said. "I was Randy when I caught it; then Brady on my pass to Rondo."

Bryant missed a series of desperation 3-pointers down the stretch, and when Allen made two free throws with 19 seconds left and Garnett one of two with 8.9 to play, it was over.

"He's the best shot-maker in the game. There's probably better athletes and all that, but there's no better shot-maker than Kobe Bryant," Rivers said. "You've just got to live with it and play through it."

Pau Gasol scored 12 points with 12 rebounds and Fisher, the Game 3 star, scored all nine of his points in the first quarter as no other Laker reached double figures in scoring until Gasol hit a free throw with 2:25 left. Andrew Bynum played on his sore right knee for 31 minutes, but he scored all six of his points and his only rebound in the first quarter.

Westwood wins 2nd PGA title in playoff in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Lee Westwood came here for the first time in his career to sharpen himself for the U.S. Open. He wound up putting in a little overtime.

Westwood won the St. Jude Classic for his second career PGA Tour victory and first since 1998, beating Swede Robert Karlsson on the fourth hole of a sudden-death playoff Sunday.

The Englishman became the first European to win the tour's third-longest event only after Robert Garrigus blew a three-stroke lead on the final hole of regulation with a triple bogey. He bogeyed the first playoff hole.

Westwood and Karlsson went par-par-bogey until they returned to No. 18 once again. Westwood stuck his approach 6 feet from the pin on No. 18. Karlsson left his birdie putt from 43 feet away to extend the playoff about a foot short.

Then Westwood, who went 17 straight holes between birdies, rolled in the 6-footer for his first PGA win since New Orleans. He dropped his putter and celebrated with a fist bump.

Westwood started the final round trailing by three strokes, birdied three straight holes to grab the lead. But he bogeyed No. 17 and was ready to head off the course when told to stick around behind the 18th green.

He wound up taking home the $1.008 million winner's check after the longest sudden-death playoff at Memphis with a 68-270 total.

The Englishman also becomes the fourth to win in his first visit to Memphis and first since Dicky Pride in 1994. Westwood came in having played well, not missing a cut in his 10 starts on the PGA Tour this year with four top 10s. He had gone 122 starts on the PGA Tour since winning the 1998 Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

Karlsson, who won his ninth European Tour victory at Qatar earlier this year, still is looking for his first PGA title. He shot a 69, and Garrigus finished with a 71.

Memphian Shaun Micheel, winner of the 2003 PGA championship, shot a 67 and finished tied with Garrett Willis (67) for fourth at 271.

Golfers and fans alike faced another steamy day with the heat index reaching 110. Many golfers and caddies also had maroon ribbons pinned to their caps in a show of support on what could be the final round for an event that first started in 1958—unless organizers find a new sponsor by their own deadline of Sept. 15.

Smith & Nephew, a medical technology company, stepped in as a presenting sponsor this year. Tour officials prefer a full title sponsor, which this event lost in March 2009 when Stanford Financial pulled out.

Westwood had the lead or a piece of it most of the final round after starting his day with three straight birdies in the first four holes. But he parred out until he bogeyed No. 17 and finished with a 68. With Garrigus up by three, Westwood was ready to leave when told he should stick around the 18th hole.

He did and quickly found himself in a playoff that neither seemed ready to win until they got back to the 18th again.

Westwood hit a 303-yard drive and was 151 yards away from the pin when he hit his approach well inside Karlsson's. When the Swede's putt was short, Westwood ended the playoff and started his celebration.

He had practiced his putting after the third round, work that paid off as Westwood birdied Nos. 2, 3 and 4 to take the lead back to himself at 11 under. He rolled in a 30-footer on No. 2, and then he holed out from nearly 34 feet on the par-5 third. He stuck a shot on the par-3 No. 4 from 185 yards within 19 feet and sunk that putt.

Garrigus, the 32-year-old pro from Scottsdale, Ariz., came into this event 377th in the world rankings and had never led a PGA event on the final day. The inexperience showed on the 72nd hole.

He put his tee shot into the lake lining the 18th fairway, took his drop and yanked his next shot into the trees left of the lake before punching out over the lake. He two-putted for triple bogey to at least make the playoff.

Playing that same hole again to start the playoff, Garrigus stayed away from the lake.

His 338-yard drive landed in the pine straw behind a tree, leaving him no choice but to shoot back into the fairway. With Westwood and Karlsson parring the fourth-toughest hole, Garrigus had to hole out a 13-footer for par. The putt went just along the right edge for bogey, knocking him out.

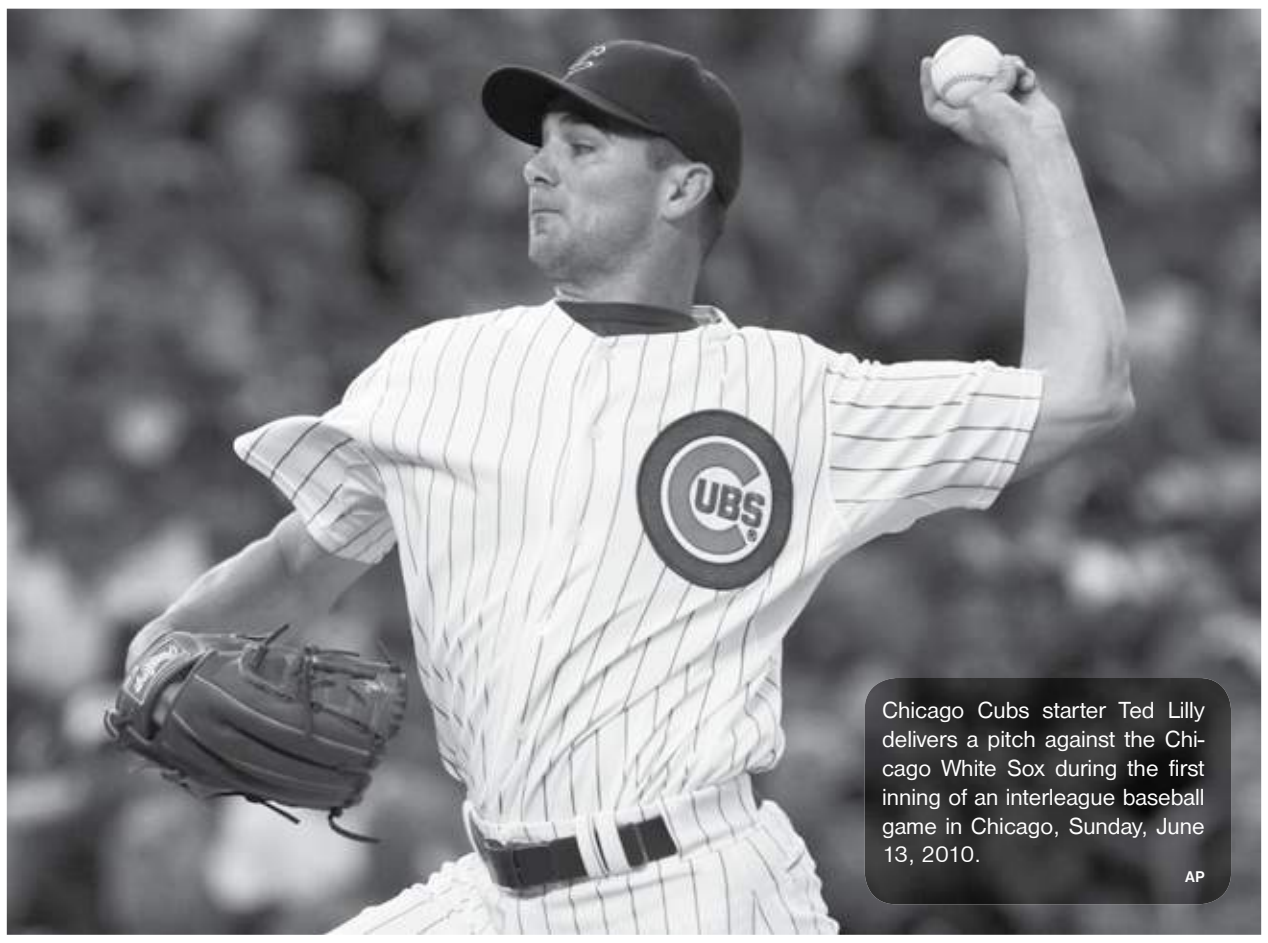
Lilly takes no-hitter into 9th, Cubs beat Sox

CHICAGO (AP)—Ted Lilly took a no-hitter into the ninth inning before pinch-hitter Juan Pierre led off with a single as the Chicago Cubs held on to beat the White Sox 1-0 on Sunday.

Gavin Floyd (2-7) flirted with a no-hitter of his own for the White Sox before Alfonso Soriano doubled with two outs in the bottom of the seventh. Chad Tracy followed with a single, producing the game's only run.

That took care of Floyd's run at history—but Lilly (2-5) was still going and the tension began to mount as he inched closer to the 14th no-hitter in franchise history.

After Pierre's single, Carlos Marmol entered and the White Sox loaded the bases with one out. Paul Konerko bounced into a forceout at home and Carlos Quentin flied to center to end the game, giving Marmol his 13th save in 16 chances.



Chicago Cubs starter Ted Lilly delivers a pitch against the Chicago White Sox during the first inning of an interleague baseball game in Chicago, Sunday, June 13, 2010. AP

Nationals 9, Indians 4

At Cleveland, Stephen Strasburg had trouble with Cleveland's mound while lasting 5 1-3 innings during his second major league start, leading Washington to the victory.

Coming off a 14-strikeout debut, Strasburg (2-0) allowed just two hits, one a home run by Travis Hafner. He struck out eight and walked five before leaving to a chorus of boos in the sixth as Washington ended Cleveland's four-game winning streak.

Strasburg's appearance drew 32,876 fans, the second-largest crowd at Progressive Field this season.

Adam Dunn homered off David Huff (2-8), scored three times and accidentally barreled over Cleveland's hotshot prospect, catcher Carlos Santana.

Phillies 5, Red Sox 3

At Boston, Cole Hamels cooled off Boston's surging lineup with seven strong innings, helping Philadelphia salvage the finale of the weekend series.

Raul Ibanez hit a two-run homer for the Phillies, who snapped a six-game road losing streak with just their eighth win in their last 24 games overall.

Adrian Beltre hit his ninth homer for Boston, which plated double digits in each of the first two games of the series, winning by a combined score of 22-4.

Angels 6, Dodgers 5

At Los Angeles, Hideki Matsui had three hits and drove in two runs, and Jered Weaver pitched into the seventh inning as the Angels swept an interleague Freeway Series at Dodger Stadium for the first time.

Torii Hunter and Mike Napoli homered for the Angels, who improved to a season-best six games over .500 at 36-30 with their 10th win in 12 games.

James Loney drove in three runs with two late doubles for the Dodgers.

Marlins 6, Rays 1

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Chris Volstad pitched six solid innings to stop a personal six-game winless streak as Florida got two RBIs from rookie Mike Stanton in a win over Tampa Bay.

Volstad (4-6) gave up one and four hits. He was 0-4 with a 4.91 ERA in six starts since earning a win against Washington on May 7.

Jorge Cantu and Wes Helms homered for the Marlins, who won two of three in the weekend series.

Yankees 9, Astros 5

At New York, Jorge Posada hit a grand slam for the second straight day and Robinson Cano connected for his 100th career homer as the New York Yankees completed a three-game sweep of Houston.

Catching for the first time since coming off the disabled list June 2, Posada connected for his ninth grand slam in the fifth after the Astros walked the bases loaded with two outs for the second inning in a row.

The last Yankee to hit grand slams in consecutive games was catcher Bill Dickey in 1937, according to STATS LLC. The last player to do it in the big leagues was Mets center fielder Carlos Beltran on July 16 and 18, 2006.

As the designated hitter and batting right-handed on Saturday, Posada hit his first grand slam since 2004.

Giants 6, Athletics 2

At San Francisco, Aubrey Huff hit a pair of two-run homers and Matt Cain extended his winning streak to four consecutive starts as San Francisco finished off a three-game series sweep.

Jack Cust had three singles for Oakland, which dropped its sixth straight game at AT&T Park.

Braves 7, Twins 3

At Minneapolis, Troy Glaus homered twice and tied a career high with four hits to power Atlanta past Minnesota.

The Braves scored four runs in the first inning and built on the lead to support Kris Medlen. Atlanta took two of three in an interleague series between division leaders, a rematch of the thrilling 1991 World Series won by Minnesota in seven games.

Martin Prado homered in the second off Kevin Slowey (7-4) and had three hits.

Royals 7, Reds 3

At Cincinnati, Zack Greinke struck out 12 batters in a five-hitter to lead Kansas City over Cincinnati.

Greinke (2-8) allowed two solo homers to Joey Votto but was in control throughout his first victory since May 13 against Cleveland and his second complete game of the season.

Billy Butler had four hits, including a homer off Sam LeCure (1-3), and drove in four runs for the Royals, who took two of three in the series. David DeJesus went 3 for 3 with a homer and scored four times.

Mets 11, Orioles 4

At Baltimore, David Wright hit two homers, and Chris Carter and Jason Bay also connected, as the New York Mets beat Baltimore for a three-game sweep.

Bay entered in an 0-for-16 skid before going 4 for 4 with four runs scored. Wright and Alex Cora each had three of New York's season-high 18 hits.

Tigers 4, Pirates 3

At Detroit, Miguel Cabrera hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the eighth inning to lift Detroit over Pittsburgh.

The Pirates have lost a season-high eight straight and were swept by the Tigers for the first time in eight matchups.

Armando Galarraga gave up two runs in his first home start since his near-perfect game.

Garrett Jones hit a solo homer and an RBI double for Pittsburgh.

Rangers 7, Brewers 2

At Milwaukee, Colby Lewis scattered three hits over eight innings and added a key, two-out single with the bases loaded to lead Texas over Milwaukee.

Josh Hamilton homered for the AL West-leading Rangers, who won their fifth in six games and handed Brewers ace Yovani Gallardo (6-3) his first loss since April 10.

Rockies 10, Blue Jays 3

At Denver, Jeff Francis pitched seven innings to earn his first home win in two years as Colorado beat Toronto to complete a three-game sweep.

Ryan Spilborghs homered twice and Carlos Gonzalez also connected for the Rockies, who got their second series sweep of the season. Gonzalez drove in three runs and Clint Barmes and Chris Iannetta had two RBIs each.

Mariners 4, Padres 2

At San Diego, Felix Hernandez came within one out of a complete game, and Jose Lopez doubled in the go-ahead run as Seattle beat San Diego to snap a five-game losing streak.

Hernandez (4-5) held the Padres in check other than a two-run, inside-the-park homer by Tony Gwynn in the third inning. Hernandez gave up four hits, tied his season high with nine strikeouts and walked one.

Diamondbacks 7, Cardinals 5

At Phoenix, Chris Young rescued Arizona's much-maligned bullpen with his second homer of the game, a two-run shot in the bottom of the ninth inning that gave the Diamondbacks the win.

Adam LaRoche doubled home two runs in the first inning and added an RBI single in the seventh for Arizona. Young hit a solo homer in the fourth.

Broncos coach says Orton gets first shot at QB job

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—The endorsement of Kyle Orton as his starting quarterback maybe wasn't as emphatic this time around.

Still, Denver Broncos coach Josh McDaniels insisted Saturday after minicamp that Orton will be his guy heading into training camp.

From there, the competition is open as Brady Quinn and rookie Tim Tebow will have an opportunity to win the job.

Nothing is set in stone.

"We've got a guy who's going to go into camp as the starter, no question about it and he deserves it," McDaniels said. "If somebody comes in there and plays better than he does then that player will play."

About this point last spring, McDaniels, then in his first year as coach, eagerly anointed Orton as his starter, a move that was made to ease any tension, cease any speculation.

This time, though, McDaniels' affirmation seemed almost more tepid, a casual assumption rather than a proclamation.

"He is the starter, no doubt," McDaniels nonchalantly said.

On a rainy and cool practice Saturday, Orton received a bulk of the reps, an explicit indication he's the leader of the QB pack.

Asked if the competition was even close right now, McDaniels said, "It's clear, I think, that Kyle is definitely ahead. There's no question."

Orton isn't really giving the competition much thought, just going about his business. That's always been his approach.

"I'm really happy with the way I'm playing and just really have more confidence right now than I've ever had," he said.

Orton is coming off a season in which he threw for a career-high 3,802 yards and 21 touchdowns. But Denver limped home down the stretch and missed the playoffs despite a 6-0 start.

The Broncos brought in a cache of quarterbacks to challenge Orton, acquiring Quinn from Cleveland in March and then drafting Tebow, the two-time national champion and Heisman Trophy winner out of Florida.

Being the incumbent, though, and with a year of this intricate offense under his belt, Orton feels like he's a step ahead.

"It's just night and day," Orton said about his improvement since last season. "There's really just no comparison between myself and anyone else who's been in this offense for two years."

Precisely why he has a lock on the starting spot—for the moment. Quinn or Tebow still have something to say about that.

"I don't know if it matters if it's close or not, but they're going to keep pushing (Orton) and working hard to try to improve their game so that they can make it close," McDaniels said. "I think we had three guys out there that practiced pretty well (Saturday)."

Not to mention a rookie receiver who's steadily finding his groove. Demaryius Thomas, a first-round pick from Georgia Tech, is working his way back into shape after being sidelined earlier this spring with a broken left foot.

"He's doing great," McDaniels said. "In terms of trying to get better at the things that he has struggled with or made an error with—he has really worked hard to try to fix those."

Lately, Thomas has been spending time with former Broncos standout Rod Smith, who holds team marks for career receptions (849), yards receiving (11,389), touchdown catches (68) and touchdowns (71).

GOOD

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her second game against FSM's Margaret Finnen yesterday afternoon and results were unavailable at press time.

In the girls U12, Jones nailed a 6-4, 6-3 victory over teammate Lucy Park and improved to a 2-0 record after another straight set win against FSM's Jennia Panuelo, 6-3, 6-0. Jones is seeded second in Pool A and will play fellow CNMI netter Tammy Ackerman today first before dueling top seed Ayana Rengiil of Palau tomorrow.

Negahr Ratguiy is the top seed in Pool B and lived up to expectations after a 6-2, 6-4 triumph against teammate Carol Lee. Rastguiy will have two games today, meeting Gabrielle Race first in the morning match and then Guam's Nadine Del Carmen in the afternoon game.

Girls U18 favorite Thea Minor went 2-0 in Day 1, crushing teammate Ilia Corella in the morning game, 6-1, 6-0, and then survived Amy Arenovski in the afternoon match, 7-5, 6-1.

Duplicating Thea Minor''s feat was Palau's Abigail Gbwwonyo, who defeated Corella, 6-2, 6-1, and FSM's Amanda Hawkins, 6-1, 6-2.

In the boys U18, Rafael Jones blanked Clay McCullough-Stearns, 6-0, 6-0, and was set to duel Guam's Jou Jun Cho in the yesterday's afterno on game. Cho won his first game, downing CNMI's Matthew Lopez, 6-0, 6-4.

Also winning their opening games were the CNMI's Andy Nutting and Guam's Martin Lai, who prevailed against CNMI's Daniel Park, 7-5, 6-2, and 6-0, 6-0, respectively.

Boys U14 defending champion Christian Miller had an easy time in his first game, thumping teammate Chris Park, 6-0, 6-1. Park ended up with a 1-1 record in Day 1 after winning his first match against Guam's Josh Cepeda, 6-4, 6-3. The CNMI's Tommy Choi also won his NPQ debut, beating FSM's David Panuelo, 6-2, 6-1.

In Pool B, top seed Jake Lee swept Guam's Tom Park, 6-0, 6-2, and was going for a 2-0 record against Amami Sakano.

In other results, Angelo Jones won over Guam's Jonathan Toves, 6-2, 6-3, while Palau's Kaito Fuji topped Guam's Tom Park, 6-0, 6-0.

The Top 4 placers in each age group after five days of competition will earn slots on the North Pacific Team that will compete against the West and East squads in the 2010 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji this August.

GERMANY

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ing it close against Germany.

Lukas Podolski and Miroslav Klose scored in the first 30 minutes as Australia coach Pim Verbeek's defensive tactics backfired, and Thomas Mueller and Cacau added the others against an overwhelmed Australian defense.

"We earned respect for ourselves," Klose said. "It was hugely important to win the first game, but nothing is won yet. We're a young team and we have fun playing."

Cahill was dismissed for a late challenge on Bastian Schweinsteiger, who told the Everton midfielder after the match that he didn't believe the tackle had warranted a red card.

The dominant win, played in front of 62,660 fans, came without injured captain Michael Ballack.

"I think the way we set up our attacks is something we've been working on intensively," Germany coach Joachim Loew said. "But we've also worked on how we play off the ball—to move into unused space. We were very good on the ball tonight, and we created beautiful goals."

Klose's strike drew him level with Juergen Klinsmann as Germany's second most prolific World Cup marksman with 11. Gerd Mueller tops the list with 14 goals. "It was not an easy game for us," Verbeek said. "We tried to make it very difficult for them and use our speed, but we didn't have the ball in the first 20 minutes."

In the opening Group D match, Gyan calmly slotted a penalty high into the net in the 85th minute to give Ghana the three points.

Ghana, playing without injured Michael Essien, was awa rded the penalty when defender Zdravko Kuzmanovic reached up to handle a cross that seemed to pose little immediate danger.

The Serbs had Aleksandar Lukovic sent off when he was shown a second yellow card in the 74th minute for holding the arm of an opponent.

"For sure, this is a big blow for us. To start a World Cup with a defeat is a bad thing," Serbia coach Radomir Antic said. "We will use all our energy to be positive when preparing for the next game (against Germany on June 18)."

At Polokwane, Algeria's Fawzi Chaouchi followed England's Robert Green into goalkeeping ignominy at this World Cup, botching a seemingly comfortable save to allow Robert Koren's speculative long shot to bounce off his arm and into the net.

"Everyone saw what happened with the ball, and what happened yesterday with England's goalkeeper," Algeria coach Saadane said, referring to Green's mistake that allowed United States to equalize in a 1-1 draw Saturday. "You have to adjust to the flight of the ball."

It was Slovenia's first ever World Cup victory after losing all three group matches in 2002.

The Netherlands opens with a tough match against Denmark at Soweto's Soccer City on Monday. That will be followed by Cameroon against Japan at Bloemfontein before defending champion Italy opens against Paraguay at Cape Town.

NATIBU

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singles and were knocked home off a two-RBI double by Dustin Quitano.

Norita singled in Quitano before Man Amigos closed the inning.

Trailing, 7-0, at the start of the third, the Man Amigos, at the top of their order, rallied back to take a brief two-run lead.

John Tagabuel led off with a single and an out later Jerry Ayuyu belted a two-run bomb. Manny Sablan then reached off an error and J.J. Laniyo jacked a two-run shot.

A strikeout later Jeff Cabrera hit a two-out double followed by a single by John Terlaje. Then Mel Tenorio singled in Cabrera and Mike Sablan. James Fleming kept it going with a single and Tagabuel brought home Tenorio with a double. A two-RBI single by Julian Camacho then scored Mike Sablan and James Fleming before Natibu could stop the bleeding.

Down a couple of runs in the bottom half of the third, Natibu answered back with a nine-run inning of the own.

Their first six batters reached with singles and the seventh made it to first off a fielder's choice where everybody was safe.

Lizama, Kalen, and Quitano all came up with an RBI out of the deal and after a sacrifice fly by J.R. Suel, Norita busted a two-RBI double followed by an RBI double by Dave Kapileo. Welson continued the onslaught with a base hit and followed suit with a RBI single. B.J. Sablan hit a RBI double before the Man Amigos could man up and get off the field.

Manny Sablan led off for the Man Amigos to start the fourth and his solo shot was their only form of offense as Natibu tightened things up on defense.

The score remained 16-10, as Natibu went quiet in the bottom half.

The first Man Amigo reached off an error in the top of the fifth, but wound up stranded and in the bottom half, Natibu tacked on five more runs for the mercy run-rule decision, 21-10.

Go 4 Broke 9, 6-Pack"6

After forcing Go 4 Broke to go 1-2-3 in the top of the first, home team 6-Pack took an early two-run lead when Mike Pangelinan connected with a two-run homer that brought Lucian George who reached earlier off a fielder's choice, around the bases with him.

Then to start the second, Kelvin Sanchez reached with a lead off error and Alfred Hocog singled home Kelvin and Billy Sanchez drove in Alfred before 6-Pack recovered.

Then after leaving a runner stranded at second in the bottom half, Go 4 Broke busted the game open with a four-run effort to start the third.

Ken Pangelinan hit a one-out single and was driven home by a double by Shawn Matsutaro. Then Jon Pangelinan hit a base hit and Brandon Hocog belted a two-RBI double that scored Matsurato and Jon Pangelinan. An out and an error later, Vincent Pangelinan singled in Brandon.

6-Pack answered back with three runs in the bottom half. Ota Nobuyuki drew a one-out walk. George reached off a fielder's choice and Mike Pangelinan unloaded on a two-run homer, his second of the night, to bring his team within one.

Go 4 Broke was not distraught and grinded out two more runs in the top of the fourth. With one out, Carlos Sanchez reached and later scored off errors. Jon Pangelinan then drove in Ken Pangelinan who reached off base ht after Carlos Sanchez.

6-Pack went 1-2-3 in the bottom half and the score remained 8-4, Go 4 Broke.

In the top of the fifth, Billy Sanchez added a run for Go 4 Broke with am RBI single that scored Brandon Hocog who led off the inning with a walk.

6-Pack drew another blank in the fifth, but did manage to hold off Go 4 Broke in the sixth; and in the bottom half, Mike Pangelinan blasted his third homerun in three at bats to give 6-Pack their last run of the game. A valiant effort by Mike Pangelinan, though his team came up a little short in this one.

SPARKS

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ing his teammates a few of their own looks at the hoop.

First Game

G-Rollers 72 – Talalemotu 36, Igitol 12, Diaz 7, Escueta 6, Limes 6, Dela Rosa 3, Nakamaro 2.

Sonics 70 –Aranda 20, Darag 17, Salem 10, Mizer 8, Escalada 4, DeGuzman 3, Alegre 2, Escalada 2, Camacho 2, Tudela 2.

Scoring by halves: 25-33, 72-70.

Second Game

Sparks 46 – E. Manglona 14, Mettao 13, Norita 7, Salas 4, Faisao 2, Santos 2, Sarmiento 2, Bornilla 1, M. Manglona 1

Hi-5 42 – Rollon 12, Caro 11, Duatin 6, Gunnacao 6, Macahito 4., Esteves 2, Mizer 1.

Scoring by halves: 18-20, 46-42.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	40	23	.635	–
Tampa Bay	40	23	.635	–
Boston	37	28	.569	4
Toronto	34	30	.531	6 1/2
Baltimore	17	46	.270	23

Central Division

Minnesota	36	27	.571	–
Detroit	33	29	.532	2 1/2
Chicago	28	34	.452	7 1/2
Kansas City	27	37	.422	9 1/2
Cleveland	25	37	.403	10 1/2

West Division

Texas	35	28	.556	–
Los Angeles	36	30	.545	1/2
Oakland	32	33	.492	4
Seattle	24	39	.381	11

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	37	27	.578	–
New York	35	28	.556	1 1/2
Philadelphia	32	29	.525	3 1/2
Florida	31	32	.492	5 1/2
Washington	31	33	.484	6

Central Division

Cincinnati	36	28	.563	–
St. Louis	34	29	.540	1 1/2
Chicago	28	35	.444	7 1/2
Milwaukee	26	37	.413	9 1/2
Houston	25	39	.391	11
Pittsburgh	23	40	.365	12 1/2

West Division

San Diego	37	26	.587	–
Los Angeles	36	27	.571	1
San Francisco	35	27	.565	1 1/2
Colorado	33	30	.524	4
Arizona	26	38	.406	11 1/2

Yesterday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 9, Houston 5
Detroit 4, Pittsburgh 3
Washington 9, Cleveland 4
Kansas City 7, Cincinnati 3
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Philadelphia 5, Boston 3
Florida 6, Tampa Bay 1
Atlanta 7, Minnesota 3
Texas 7, Milwaukee 2
Colorado 10, Toronto 3
San Francisco 6, Oakland 2
Seattle 4, San Diego 2
L.A. Angels 6, L.A. Dodgers 5
Arizona 7, St. Louis 5
Chicago Cubs 1, Chicago White Sox 0

ST JUDE CLASSIC SCORES

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)–Scores Sunday from the St. Jude Classic, a $5.6 million U.S. PGA Tour event at 7,117-yard, par-70 TPC Southwind (FedExCup points in parentheses):

FINAL ROUND

x-Lee Westwood (0), $1,008,000	63-68-71-68–270
Robert Garrigus (245), $492,800	67-66-66-71–270
Robert Karlsson (0), $492,800	67-66-68-69–270
Garrett Willis (123), $246,400	66-65-73-67–271
Shaun Micheel (123), $246,400	68-66-70-67–271
Heath Slocum (100), $201,600	69-67-66-70–272
Billy Mayfair (90), $187,600	69-70-68-66–273
Camilo Villegas (78), $156,800	71-67-69-67–274
Bob Estes (78), $156,800	66-69-71-68–274
D.J. Trahan (78), $156,800	66-68-71-69–274
Jay Williamson (78), $156,800	66-70-69-69–274
Ben Crane (61), $117,600	67-72-69-67–275
Zach Johnson (61), $117,600	67-69-71-68–275
Johnson Wagner (61), $117,600	69-68-69-69–275
John Rollins (52), $76,272	71-69-69-67–276
Jason Dufner (52), $76,272	68-67-73-68–276
Stephen Ames (52), $76,272	70-71-67-68–276
Retief Goosen (52), $76,272	72-68-68-68–276
Fredrik Jacobson (52), $76,272	69-70-69-68–276
Josh Teater (52), $76,272	66-71-70-69–276
Woody Austin (52), $76,272	69-67-69-71–276
Brian Gay (52), $76,272	73-67-65-71–276
Lee Janzen (52), $76,272	68-66-70-72–276
Tim Petrovic (52), $76,272	66-68-70-72–276
Kirk Triplett (45), $44,660	68-68-71-70–277
Nathan Green (45), $44,660	73-68-65-71–277
Charley Hoffman (45), $44,660	67-65-73-72–277
Cameron Percy (45), $44,660	70-68-67-72–277
David Toms (39), $34,090	71-70-72-65–278
Kent Jones (39), $34,090	67-73-69-69–278
Webb Simpson (39), $34,090	70-69-70-69–278
Dicky Pride (39), $34,090	69-70-70-69–278
Glen Day (39), $34,090	68-69-71-70–278
Rory McIlroy (39), $34,090	69-66-72-71–278
Brandt Snedeker (39), $34,090	70-70-67-71–278
Ryuji Imada (39), $34,090	67-68-71-72–278
Dean Wilson (31), $24,080	67-72-71-69–279
Gary Woodland (31), $24,080	70-71-68-70–279
John Senden (31), $24,080	66-70-73-70–279
Spencer Levin (31), $24,080	72-68-69-70–279
Vaughn Taylor (31), $24,080	68-69-72-70–279
D.A. Points (31), $24,080	74-66-68-71–279
Mathew Goggin (31), $24,080	69-69-69-72–279
Rich Barcelo (25), $16,931	68-68-74-70–280
Charles Warren (25), $16,931	72-69-69-70–280
Jonathan Byrd (25), $16,931	69-69-72-70–280
Charles Howell III (25), $16,931	67-72-71-70–280
Mathias Gronberg (25), $16,931	69-72-68-71–280
Joe Durant (25), $16,931	71-70-68-71–280
Omar Uresti (20), $13,776	70-70-73-68–281
Steve Elkington (20), $13,776	72-69-70-70–281
Brett Wetterich (20), $13,776	72-67-69-73–281
John Merrick (17), $13,029	69-71-72-70–282
Jeff Quinney (17), $13,029	68-71-71-72–282
Boo Weekley (17), $13,029	69-66-73-74–282
Chris Riley (14), $12,656	68-73-72-70–283
Michael Connell (14), $12,656	66-75-70-72–283
Padraig Harrington (14), $12,656	65-74-71-73–283
J.B. Holmes (12), $12,376	72-68-73-71–284
Will MacKenzie (12), $12,376	70-69-69-76–284
Nicholas Thompson (9), $12,096	68-73-70-74–285
Chris DiMarco (9), $12,096	70-69-70-76–285
Michael Clark II (9), $12,096	71-66-69-79–285
John Daly (7), $11,872	71-70-72-73–286
Roger Tambellini (6), $11,704	68-72-73-74–287
Chris Rogers (0), $11,704	69-70-73-75–287
Alex Cejka (4), $11,480	68-73-70-78–289
Jeff Maggert (4), $11,480	68-71-69-81–289
Justin Bolli (2), $11,312	68-73-72-78–291
Casey Wittenberg (0), $11,200	64-74-73-81–292
Chad Campbell (1), $11,088	70-70-71-82–293

x-won on fourth playoff hole

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chip amount made the cut and a random wild card drawing from the eliminated pool gave one lucky person $1,500 in chips and a chance to go to the finals.

Along with Masaaki, Yoshiko Muranishi, Jun Mabuchi, Endo Masaru, Koji Okuyama, Yoo Shik Park, and Hiraide Isamu advanced to the final table. The final seven started with $5,000 in chips and abided by the same rules of play.

Notably, Muranishi was one out of only 14 woman competitors and maintained the chip leader position all the way up to the very last hand. Ahead of Masaaki, $9,400 to 9,025, Muranishi was seated in front of Masaaki, which enabled the champ to calculate an advantageous bet to steal it in the end. After Muranishi lost to the dealer, Masaaki won his gamble and stole it at the last second.

Still, Muranishi was all smiles and took the second place trophy along with her $25,000 cash prize.

Mabuchi humbly accepted the third place trophy with his $13,00 cash prize and the other four players each won $1,000 to break even.

When interviewed after the awards presentations, Masaaki graciously declined to comment and asked not to be pictured, but Muranishi and her husband said that their experience at the Dynasty was very enjoyable.

"We love Tinian Dynasty! We love Saipan! We will be back next year… we might come for the second time in December," said Muranishi.

"Most of the competitors consisted of returning high-roller loyalists. This tournament was mostly comprised of Japanese players with some Korean participants. Although we had a slightly lower turnout from last year, everyone still had a lot of fun and the upcoming 2010 Baccarat Challenge on July 10 and 11 is expected to be bigger," according to Casino Pit Manager Nimfa S. Alarde.

In about a month, TDHC will host its third 2010 Baccarat Challenge of the year, which will start on July 10 and conclude on July 11. Additionally, TDHC's 2010 Second Black Jack Challenge is scheduled to take place on Dec. 11 and 12.

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Garcia 4, Hernandez 4, Vergara 2, Artates 2.

DL Cooking Gas 65 – Ebuen 24, Gapor 18, Salas 9, Marchadesh 6, Alfonso 5, Tenorio 2, Abedes 2.

Scoring by quarters: 26-16, 39-31, 66-40, 80-65.

Second Game

Wings Travel 88 – Gamboa 21, Engelhardt 14, Dayrit 14, Abuan 11, Yalung 8, Olivos 7.

Highway Express 44 – Tengco 16, Ong 11, Samson 7, Delfin 4, De Jesus 2, Farinas 2, Villasan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 26-9, 53-19, 65-33, 86-44.

11 Little Leaguers off to 2010 RTC in Guam

WALTER J. SUTHERLAND

G-Rollers center Savali Talalemotu shows his hops down low where he is always a threat to score off of those menacing tip-in shots off the rim.

WALTER J. SUTHERLAND

Seven players from the Saipan Little League Junior Division, three from the Senior Division, and one Big Leaguer will be participating in the 2010 Regional Training Center held in Guam from June 17 through June 28.

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REPORTER

Eleven Saipan Little Leaguers will be participating in the Baseball Confederation of Oceania-Regional Training Center baseball clinic in Guam that takes place from June 17 to June 28.

Cedric Ada, Frankie Camacho, Jonah Flores, Henry Rabauliman, Jeremy Rabauliman, Justin Reyes, Ian Rogolofoi account for the Junior Division campers. David Hosono, Arthur Jebehn, and Keoni Lizama make up the Senior Division participants with Benny Cepeda as the lone Big League component.

Future Little Leaguer, Tyler Flores, will also be making the trip. Accompanying the group to the clinic will be Little League president Rose Igitol, adviser Ton Rogolofoi, Kagman Lions coach Syl Ada, and Ol'Aces coach Mark Flores.

The players have been practicing daily since last week from 4:30 to 6:30pm at Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield in preparation for the upcoming 12-day baseball academy.

BCO Development Officer Ray Brown will be conducting the RTC program. Brown recently visited Saipan for a month back in May and held free clinics to local Little Leaguers in all age divisions. The former Major League pitcher and talent scout was on island scouting young talent and looking for potential RTC recruits; he even got behind the plate to help umpire some games.

Other players from Australia, New Zealand, Palau, and Guam will also be participating in the RTC clinic.

At camp, practice activities will come in three different forms. The first portion of practices will consist of various fundamental drills so players can get warmed up and comfortable. Then the players will all be divided up into random teams where they will partake in scrimmage games to simulate a more realistic competitive atmosphere. Then the third portion of practice will take place in a classroom like setting where the players can study scenarios of real game situations and learn game strategy as well as other mental aspects of the game.

The BCO will be providing baseballs, bats, caps, game and practice tops, and will even cover flights for expert instructors (maximum of five).

It is recommended that each country bring six players, three aged 13 to 15 and three aged 16 to 18, two coaches, and an umpire.

The players will be split into two groups the first group will be 13 to 15 the second group will be 16 to 18, each player, coach and umpire will be responsible for their airfares. The players, coaches, and umpires who stay at the housing facility will be charged an additional fee of $500 to pay for their accommodation and meals.

The host will be allowed to bring up to 24 players, six for each age group, plus eight coaches, and unlimited number of umpires.

Sparks knock off Hi-5, G-Rollers win

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After trailing by two at the half, the Sparks defeated Hi-5, 46-42, in yet another close game in the 18-and-under division of the UBA Youth Basketball Friday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Lawrence Rollon and Ezra Caro led the way in the opening period for Hi-5 with six and five points, respectively, in addition to a couple of 3-balls from sharpshooter Jonathon Gunnacao.

Eugene Manglona put up eight points for the Sparks and received mixed support from his team to help keep them within reach. At the half the score was 20-18, Hi-5.

Jonathon Norita broke out of the gate with six points at the start of the second period that helped the Sparks ignite a rally. Then Frank Mettao joined in with eight points and Angelo Salas added four more for the Sparks in the final moments to seal the victory.

The Sparks' defense also made some key adjustments that prevented Hi-5 from executing their game plan. As a result, Hi-5 forced a lot of questionable shots and struggled to get the ball down low in the paint.

With a minute left, the score was 42-42 and Manglona made a big shot to give the Sparks the lead as the time wound down.

As the last seconds ticked away, the Sparks held on to the ball and gladly accepted a trip to the free throw line where Salas sank both shots to make it a two-possession game.

G-Rollers 72, Sonics 70

Earlier in the day, G-Rollers battled back from an eight-point deficit in the first half to edge out a 72-70 victory over the Sonics in the 15-and-under age group.

These teams are evenly matched and will both be getting to know each other well since they are the only two representatives of the division, due to a last-minute pullout by the Blazers.

The main offensive threat for the G-Rollers, Savali Talalemotu, started strong with 12 first half points. He managed to find some help in the form of eight points by teammate David Diaz and five more by Matt Igitol as the first half winded down.

However, although the Rollers successfully mixed it up much better on offense than in their last meeting, the Sonics' John Darag dropped three treys in the first half that helped shoot the Sonics ahead, 33-25, at halftime.

In the second period, Darag went quiet except for connecting with his fourth three-pointer very late in the game.

The G-Rollers on the other hand, stuck to their game plan, using their big man, Talalemotu, as the first option, while steadily working the ball to open teammates as a way to keep the Sonics' defenders honest.

Talalemotu pretty much draws a double team every time the ball comes anywhere near him, but he effectively wrestled down a number of offensive rebounds and scored off a lot of second chance opportunities.

Even when his boys could not pass directly to him, Talalemotu, who poured on 23 more points in the second period, showed his ability to create his own offense while giv-

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Wings Travel, Fixers rout foes

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Wings Travel and the Fixers posted similar wins in the 2010 Miller Lite Invitational Basketball Tournament after clobbering separate foes on Saturday at the Gualo Rai basketball court.

The Fixers played in the first game and whipped DL Cooking Gas, 80-65, while in the second game, Wings Travel crushed Highway Express, 88-44.

J.R. Barrios exploded for 30 points for the Fixers, which took an early double-digit lead, 26-16, at the end of the first period and never looked back. Roel Cayanan chipped in only eight, but made all of them in the first period to put Fixers in the driver's seat.

The Fixers slowed down in the second period, as they were outscored by DL Cooking Gas, 15-13, but the former were still on top at the break, 39-31.

At the start of the second half, Barrios scored 11 of the Fixers' first 13 points and helped the team pull away, taking a 66-40 advantage, entering the final canto. The Fixers outgunned DL Cooking Gas in the third period, 27-9.

The 26-point lead at the end of the third quarter gave the Fixers enough cushion in the final canto where DL Cooking Gas tried to rally, but fell short. DL Cooking Gas scored 25 markers in the fourth against the Fixers' 14.

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Wings Travel's Aaron Engelhardt rebounds the ball as Highway Express' John March Ong, right, and Nelson Samson look on during their game in the 2010 Miller Lite Invitational Basketball Tournament Saturday at the Gualo Rai basketball court.

Sonny Ebuen led DL Cooking Gas' losing cause, nailing 24 points.

In the second game, Wings Travel held Highway Express to nine points in the first period en route to a 22-point win.

After John March Ong made the first basket of the game, Highway Express went scoreless for about five minutes, allowing Wings Travel to soar to a 26-9 lead.

Highway Express then logged only two points in four minutes of the second period, helping Wings Travel take a commanding 53-19 halftime advantage.

Wings Travel protected its double-digit lead in the second half, as Highway Express had only Olan Tengco and Ong hitting their targets.

Ron Gamboa paced Wings Travel with 21 points, walking away with easy layups in the first half, while Aaron Engelhardt and Joy Dayrit added 14 apiece.

Tengco top-scored for Highway Express with his 16 markers, while Ong contributed 11.

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Fixers 80 – Barrios 30, Camacho 10, Cayanan 8, Valencia 7, Cabrera 6, Llagas 5,

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Good start for CNMI netters in NPQ

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Three CNMI female junior players swept their opening assignments, giving the Commonwealth a good start in the 2010 North Pacific Qualifying Tournament yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club hard court.

Going undefeated in Day 1 of the five-day tournament were Melody Johnson, Thea Minor, and Emily Jones.

Johnson is entered in the girls U14 age group and is seeded second in Pool A. She started the tournament with a 6-1, 6-0 win over fellow CNMI player Alina Ishikawa in the morning game and then downed the Federated States of Micronesia's Shawn Adams in the afternoon match, 6-3, 6-4.

Melody's mother, Delia, was on the sidelines watching her daughter play and ended up treating several CNMI players to a snack after Melody swept her opening day assignments.

"I was not expecting her to be in top form, as she has been in and out of training due to school commitments. Melody's teammates said if my daughter wins the two matches, I have to treat them. I sort of put a bet against my daughter to psych her up, and she delivered," the older Johnson said.

Still in the girls U14 division, Pool B second-seed Mikayla Lopez won her NPQ debut, shutting out Jeane Bracken, 6-0, 6-0. Lopez was scheduled to play

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The CNMI's Amy Arenovski returns to FSM's Alyssa Hawkins during their opening day match in the 2010 North Pacific Qualifying tennis tournament yesterday on the Pacific Islands Club hard court.

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Yoshiko Muranishi, center in red, and her husband were all smiles after she received the second place trophy and a $25,000 cash prize from last weekend's Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino's 2010 First Black Jack Challenge.

Dynasty's 2010 First Black Jack champion crowned

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TINIAN DYNASTY HOTEL AND CASINO—Akutsu Masaaki from Japan outlasted a pool of 112 competitors to win Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino's 2010 First Black Jack Challenge championship trophy and a $70,000 cash prize.

The two-day tournament was held last weekend from Saturday, June 12, with the semifinal and final rounds before concluding Sunday evening, June 13.

There was a $1,000 entry fee for the tournament and, from the opening rounds through the semifinals, players started with $3,000 worth of chips.

Before the start of each round, players drew a number to randomize their seating. The tourney rules required a $25 minimum bet with a $1,000 limit per hand. In the semifinals, 49 players gambled through two eight-deck shoes.

After Saturday's opening rounds, the 48 competitors with the highest

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Natibu advances to Chamolinian finals

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Natibu advanced to the finals of the Chamolinian Softball Association 2009-2010 Budweiser Slow-pitch Softball League after defeating the Man Amigos, 21-10, last Saturday at the Capital Hill Baseball Field.

The pennant champions held off the Man Amigos in the top of the first and then jumped ahead to a 4-0 lead off of a couple of solo homers by Ken Kalen and J.R. Suel.

Ned Norita hit a one-out single and was moved over an out later by Jon Welson. B.J. Sablan drove in Norita and Welson before the Man Amigos could get out of the first.

The Man Amigos left a couple of runners stranded in the second and Natibu added three more to their lead in the bottom half as Eric Lizama and Kalen each led off with

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Germany, Ghana, Slovenia open with wins

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JOHANNESBURG (AP)—The youngest Germany lineup in generations pounded 10-man Australia 4-0 at Durban on Sunday night to begin the country's bid for a fourth World Cup title, hours before armed riot police moved in to disperse angry stadium workers protesting over low wages.

In earlier matches, Ghana and Slovenia capitalized on opposing players being sent off for handball to each win 1-0.

Ghana became the first African team to win a World Cup match on African soil, beating Serbia thanks to a late penalty from Asamoah Gyan at Pretoria. Slovenia was helped by the latest goalkeeping blunder of the tournament to edge Algeria.

After the night match at Mabhida Stadium in Durban, police appeared to set off two percussive grenades, causing loud bangs, to drive a demonstration out of a parking lot under the venue. Associated Press reporters saw about 30 riot police charge into the crowd to drive it out of the stadium.

AP

Germany's Cacau, left, stumbles as his teammate Thomas Mueller tries to control the ball during the World Cup group D soccer match between Germany and Australia at the stadium in Durban, South Africa, Sunday, June 13, 2010.

An AP photographer said police fired tear gas at protesters outside the stadium. About 100 police later surrounded a group of about 300 protesters on a nearby street and separated the men from the women. The protesters left peacefully after 2 a.m. Monday local time after calm discussions with police. There were no injuries or arrests reported.

A FIFA spokesman declined to comment.

But local organizing committee spokesman Rich Mkhondo said the protest did not have any impact on security for the match or any spectators.

'Two hours after the end of the first match at the Durban stadium last night, there was an internal pay dispute between the principal security company employed by the organizing committee and some of the static security stewards employed by the company at the match," Mkhondo said in a statement e-mailed to the AP. "Police were called on to disperse the protesting stewards.

"This happened, however, long after all spectators had left the stadium after the match and the incident had no impact whatsoever on the match day security operations.

"The organizing committee will engage with its stadium security provider to avoid a repeat of the situation during the course of the tournament."

A security steward, Fanak Falakhebuengu, told the AP he had heard the workers would be paid 1,500 rand ($195) a day but they were only getting 190 rand ($25) for working long days.

Australia star Tim Cahill had an earlier finish than he'd anticipated after he was red carded in the 56th minute, ending any chance Australia had of keep-

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